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The Entrance to Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

Alma Mater

Here's a song to dear Sterling, the pride of our hearts
In her home 'neath the archway of blue,
As she takes her just homage of honor and love
From her children brave-hearted and true.
From the ivy-clad walls of her old classic halls
You may wander the whole world around,
But we all truly know that wherever you go
Nobler name there will never be found.

Then, dear Sterling, all hail to thy campus and halls,
To the shade of thy wide-spreading trees!
All nature doth join us in singing thy praise,
It is borne to our ears on the breeze.
Yes, we honor thy name and we'll strive for thy fame
Till the story of life be complete.
Ere the hands of old age shall have turned the last page
May we gather again at thy feet.

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THE W. G. M. S. CONVENTION

Arkansas Valley Presbyterial

Prepared by the Local Committee, Sterling, Kansas

Arkansas Valley Presbyterial is located in the very heart of the spacious middle west, as well as being in the central part of Kansas. The Presbyterial though expansive in area is not large in numbers, consisting of 13 congregations. The Women's, Young Women's and Teen Age societies in these churches have a total membership of 565, and the Juniors, 256.

The Presbyterial was organized in March, 1888. During these 61 years scores of young people from these mid-west churches have gone into full-time Christian service, many of them into the foreign fields. In 1904 Sarah (McCrory) Lynes went to P.M.I., Assiut, Egypt, for a term. She is an active member of the Sterling Women's society. In 1905 her sister, Bessie McCrory went out to Egypt. She is Mrs. R. W. Walker now serving as matron at Tanta Hospital. In 1916 the third McCrory sister, Jeannette, went out from Sterling to Egypt. She is serving at Minia. Prior to these, Dr. H. T. McLaughlin and his wife, Lena Porter McLaughlin went in 1897 to serve in the Sudan. Sterling had been their home for many years.

Though Sterling is a small city, it has been host to many important church meetings, of our own denomination not a few. Thirty-one years ago the Women's General Missionary Society met in the Sterling United Presbyterian church; the General Assembly met on Sterling College campus (1920); the National Y.P.C.U. Convention (1923); General Assembly (1947); 15 of the annual meetings of Kansas synod (now the Synod of the Plains) and numerous summer conferences and conventions have centered in Sterling. Once again we look forward to a joyous experience entertaining the 1949 Women's General Missionary Society Convention.

However, the joy and responsibility of preparing for your coming does not belong just to Sterling college and the women of the Sterling con-

Dr. Howard D. McCalmont
Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, Sterling, Kansas

The United Presbyterian Church Sterling, Kansas

gregation, for Arkansas Valley Presbyterial is composed of an alert group of women, assisting hostesses.

The Hopewell congregation is a thriving rural church, 95 miles north of Sterling, located 10 miles southwest of Beloit. This was the girlhood home of Miss Minnehaha Finney, who served 43 years in Egypt. Her father was pastor of this congregation for a number of years.

The Saxman congregation is 10 miles northeast of Sterling. Because they are near by, you will have opportunity of meeting these women. Their pastor's wife, Mrs. Paul Dinsmore, is on the local committee.

The women of the Hutchinson, Kansas church are well organized into missionary groups for the various ages. These women, with Mrs. A. C. Asher as chairman, are responsible for the arrangement of the Junior Exhibit. Hutchinson is 25 miles southeast of Sterling.

Newton, Kansas, 60 miles east is the location of another congregation, with a splendid group of missionary women. For many years this was the home of Mrs. W. J. Adair, who with Dr. Adair went out to the Sudan in 1919. They are now at Wanglel.

Two United Presbyterian congregations are in Wichita, 85 miles southeast. The First Church is the home church of Miss Frances Lincoln, missionary to Pakistan and supported by Arkansas Valley Presbyterial. The St. Paul's Community church is Presbytery's youngest congregation.

South of Wichita 70 miles a 75-year-old congregation in Arkansas City, is still alert to kingdom service. In this church, Arkansas Valley Presbytery and Presbyterial met in April.

Another of the older congregations is the Viola, Kansas church about 20 miles southwest of Wichita. Though a small congregation in a small town, interest in missionary work measures high.

Still another small-town church that is very much alive is at Pretty Prairie, 40 miles southeast of the convention meeting place. This congregation is more than 70 years old.

Surrounded by wheat fields and a bristling army of steel oil well towers, 45 miles southwest is the village church of Zenith, Kansas. This is the home church of Theresa Brownlee, missionary to Pakistan, also supported by our Presbyterial.

Beyond Zenith ten miles another of our churches is located in the thriving town of Stafford.

One hundred miles westward still in Kansas is Jetmore, where another live congregation is busy in Kingdom service. This is the home of Kenneth Rasmussen, an industrial short-term missionary in the Sudan.

Even though the Arkansas Valley Presbyterial women are scattered over the plains of Kansas yet we are all workers together in Christ's service. We count it a privilege to be hostesses to the 1949 Convention.

History Of Sterling College

By MRS. W. R. IRVINE, Sterling, Kansas

The early history of Sterling college is closely tied up with the Synod of Kansas (now Synod of The Plains) and the town of Sterling. As early as 1879, when Kansas synod was meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas, the need of a college for this central part of the United Presbyterian Church was discussed. It was decided to appoint a committee "to consider the location of an educational institution in Kansas."

In 1886 the Sterling Land and Investment company, interested in improving the town, asked Kansas synod to locate a college in Sterling and, according to the records, "as an inducement to do so, offers a site of 10 acres on North Broadway and a college building costing not less than $25,000, to be owned and used by the United Presbyterian Church of North America for college purposes: the erection of the building to commence this fall and the building to be ready for use by Sept. 1, 1887, provided the synod will raise an endowment of $25,000." Synod accepted the proposition and was given five years in which to raise that sum.

By November 1, 1887, the building was erected, roofed and completed enough to be ready for opening of college. It was a handsome structure, four stories high, 120 feet by 50 feet, built of Strong City limestone, a stone which becomes harder as it is exposed to the air. The name chosen for the college was "Cooper Memorial College" in honor of Dr. Joseph T. Cooper of Allegheny Seminary. Later the name was changed to "Cooper College" and later still to "Sterling College" in honor of the town which built it.

When college opened November 1, the faculty consisted of two young men, Prof. S. A. Wilson and Prof. A. N. Porter, the latter being acting president. Later Miss Flora Harriman had charge of the Music department and Miss Alice M. Brown of the Art department. For two years these carried on with faith and vision but with little salary. The catalog of 1889 showed a total of 85 students in all departments.

Dr. William M. McCreery
President of Sterling College

Problems confronting the college administration were many. First, Kansas was in her youthful stage. Her "boom days" were past and they had been followed by those inevitable days of depression. Market prices had fallen to their lowest level, corn selling for from 12 to 20 cents a bushel. People were having a hard time to make a bare living, but they possessed the qualities necessary for making the best of things and a willingness to work and "hang on."

Then there was that $25,000 endowment to be raised and a limited time in which to do it. Friends must be made for the college who would have faith in her and her ultimate success or they would not be willing to invest money in her future. Although from the beginning the college was a child of Kansas synod, it was not until 1894 that by action of the General Assembly she became a child of the whole church and received support from her.

Also, the partially-completed college building was located on a commanding site far out on the edge of town, but there was no sidewalk leading to it. This problem was solved by laying a five-foot boardwalk for a distance of five blocks. As student attendance increased, more rooms in the college building must be finished. Gradually it was completed from the first to the fourth floor.

It was under such conditions that Dr. F. M. Spencer came to Sterling to become the first president of this pioneer college in September of 1889, moving his family from their home in New Concord, Ohio, to a new home and a new work in which he had faith.

The college has, indeed, been fortunate in that all three of her earlier presidents had had previous experience in college leadership and management. Dr. Spencer, having served as president of Muskingum college for seven years, knew something of what would be required in hard work and willing sacrifice. He gladly gave both. Always interested in young people (an interest which he never lost), he had a sympathetic understanding of them and their problems.

Upon Dr. Spencer's retirement after 20 years (1889-1909) as president, he was made president emeritus and a life member of the college board and was asked to remain in connection with the college for three years as financial agent in order to help increase the Endowment fund and to follow up contacts already made with prospective donors, one of which was a Carnegie proposition, later carried out. Dr. Spencer retired to his own home in Sterling, living until 1930 and enjoying the privilege of seeing the fruits of his labors in the lives of his former students.

Always a fine group of Sterling's businessmen, without whom the school could not have carried on, have given liberally of their time and business experience as members of the college Board of Trustees. The townspeople have continued friendly and generous toward their college. Synod's pastors also have served often as board members and set the example for their church constituences in their loyalty and generosity.

A loyal faculty is one of the best assets a school can have, and Sterling college has been most fortunate in that respect. Especially during the earlier years salaries were of neces-

Spencer Hall where all sessions of the Convention will be held

Campbell Hall, the dormitory for girls, where many delegates will be housed during the Convention.

sity very meager, but with undaunted courage the members of faculty remained true. Mention has already been made of Prof. S. A. Wilson, who gave 50 years of efficient service in classroom and for some years was college treasurer. Prof. Talman Bell, after being graduated in '95, remained with his alma mater as professor of mathematics, retiring only recently after more than 50 years of fruitful service in college and community. Many others would be worthy of mention, if space permitted.

Public speaking, recreation and music have their places in normal college life. Literary societies, inter-society and inter-collegiate contests were highlights in enjoyment and in training for public speaking. Football, basket ball and field sports were popular, and the names, Jay Beaman and Joe McCracken, and others, still linger in memory as belonging to outstanding athletes. "McCracken" athletic field honors one who not only was a great athlete but also became a great medical missionary and is dean of the medical department of St. John's university of Shanghai, China. Another noted doctor and surgeon from among Sterling alumni was Dr. Marion Trueheart. He became nationally known for his success in cancer treatment and established the Trueheart clinic. Both his home town and his college felt deeply their loss in his death more than two years ago.

In the middle '90s the "Cooper Quartet" was organized and became famous through the state as members entertained with song and clever impersonations. They were good advertising and many students were drawn to Cooper college by the singing and personalities of John Brush, Harry Ross, Owen Dunlap, Will Philips, Will Hood and Fred Weede.

Prof. Talman Bell was dean of the college and acting president during the year's interim between the retirement of Dr. Spencer and the coming of Sterling's second president, Dr. Ross T. Campbell, who came with rich experience from Amity college, College Springs, Iowa. Dr. Campbell put 23 of the best years of his life into Sterling college, building well upon the lowly foundation laid in the earlier years of struggle and uncertainty. Dr. Campbell was a thorough Bible student. He enriched the lives of his students by his teaching and brought Bible study into a more prominent place in the college curriculum.

During these years, three fine new buildings appeared on the campus—Spencer auditorium, Campbell hall

View across the campus, Sterling College

(a girl's dormitory), and Wilson gymnasium, as well as a central heating plant for these buildings. In the same period the campus was enlarged to include 5 acres; the athletic field was enclosed and cement bleachers were built; the college manse was purchased and the entire campus equipped with a fine sprinkler system. The student body made a substantial growth in numbers during these years. Upon his retirement from the presidency in 1933, Dr. Campbell entered the pastorate again at McDonald, Pa., where he served with success for the few remaining years of his life.

Elected to the presidency in May, 1933 and coming to Sterling in July, Dr. Hugh A. Kelsey became Sterling's third president. Out of his experience at Muskingum college where he had served for 14 years as Bible instructor and as vice president, he was able to bring to his new work much of value in dealing with educational and youth problems. Those were "depression years" throughout the nation, and naturally a college had financial problems. By rigid economy, with both president and faculty closely cooperating, the financial crisis was met.

During Dr. Kelsey's incumbency improvements in buildings were made and equipment was added until today the campus is indeed "a thing of beauty," extending for five blocks along North Broadway.

Dr. Kelsey resigned the presidency in the spring of 1945. As he handed over the "Keys of Sterling College" to his successor, Rev. William McCreery, upon his inauguration on Oct. 18, 1946, he did so with the college free of debt, with increased endowment, a fine student body and an able, loyal and harmonious faculty. With pride he could look back upon 13 years of substantial and successful accomplishment.

Citizens of Sterling, along with both faculty and students most heartily welcomed President McCreery to town and college. During his nearly three years as president, Dr. McCreery has proved himself capable, aggressive, understanding and a man of vision. All feel that in this fourth period of her history, the college has a bright prospect of continued growth and usefulness. Established in faith, the college now sees the "things hoped for"; she sees the "evidences of things" then unseen. After 62 years, she continues in faith.

LEARNING THE GLORY SONG

Praise Him In The Nile Valley

(Egypt and the North Sudan)

Prelude by MISS MARTHA A. ROY, Luxor, Egypt

You cannot have a people without their music. The music of an instrument rejoices the heart, but the words and melody of the voice carry a message that leaves its imprint on the soul forever.

Suad Ahmed

Odette Salama

Sim Kara

THREE LASSES OF LUXOR

These are three girls from Luxor with their music. One, Sim Kara, is a princess. She died many centuries ago, and all that remains of her is her picture on the wall of her tomb, and the picture of her harp, whose strings are forever silent. The second girl, Suad Ahmed, is not a Christian. She received her education in the Girls' School, but now her family keeps her at home, bound by custom and tradition. Not much music for her but to beat occasionally on her tubla, or drum, a little rhythm, but no melody or song to gladden her heart. The third girl, Odette Salama, is a boarder in the school, a Christian. She is not, by many standards a beautiful girl, but her lovely and gentle ways are very winning. She lives in freedom, freedom from tradition, freedom of the spirit. She cannot play the piano, but she lives with a song of joy in her heart, and so she can praise her Lord with her voice, her hands, her whole life.

The annual feast day in honor of the great god Amun had arrived. The beautiful avenue lined with ram-headed sphinxes had been swept and garlanded. The colored flags fluttered from the giant flag staves standing erect against the pylon of the temple. A clarion call from the bugles of the priests, and the great procession streamed out of the temple in the brilliant sunshine, the soldiers and standard bearers, the royal chariots, followed by a band of men and women playing their sistra, castanets, trumpets and drums, some of them clapping, others dancing. Then came the

Boy with Reed Pipe

Senior Girl Playing the Piano, Luxor School

sacred barks, gleaming golden in the sunlight, carried on the shoulders of the stiffly-garbed priests, and, finally, the sacred bulls, garlanded with flowers of every hue, led by their keepers—a beautiful procession, never to be forgotten in brilliance and splendor. . . The blare and fanfare passes us by; the music fades into the distance and is gone. And no echo comes back to us of the strident tones, the shrill cries, the joyful clapping of the procession and the populace. The temple courts are silent evermore—"For if thine heart turn away to worship other gods and serve them, ye shall surely perish."

Preceded by red and green banners with Qur'anic inscriptions appliqued thereon, the procession of robed men comes swiftly down the street. The bier is covered with an embroidered green cloth and carried on the shoulders of those who would earn merit for this last deed of kindness to a departed one. "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet," a rhythmic chanting

Boys with Tubla and Rubab

A Group of School Girls Singing in the Garden, Luxor Mission School

from many male voices, the only sound to break the silence of that vast throng, other than the occasional sob of the bereaved father, brother, or son. No woman is allowed to follow this procession. They must stay at home and mourn, with no Heavenly Father to bring them peace, no hope to bring them comfort. . . This procession, too, passes and silence follows—the silence of eternity for him who has lived and died, for those who mourn.

The doors of the Evangelical Church stand open—the men's door and the women's door. From out these doors issues a joyful song of praise from the voices of 300 or 400 men and women, boys and girls. Most of these songs are sung with western tunes and Arabic words. The few eastern tunes are greatly loved, most of them being a heritage from the Coptic Church. How fervently do the choirs, the boys and the adults, lead in the singing. A singing church? Yes, in every meeting, song is an important part of the worship service: Sabbath morning service and Sabbath School in the afternoon, Girls' clubs on Monday and Wednesday, men's meeting Wednesday, women's on Thursday, The Friday Sabbath School and Junior meeting, the 20-minute song service preceding the Friday evening Christian Endeavor, as well as the Junior and Senior choir practices. And there issues from the door of this church a constant procession of men and women and school girls, who having received, carry the message in song and story out to the villages and other meeting places in the town through the week—that the number may continually grow of those who one day shall sing before the throne the Glory Song of the Redeemed. God gave man a song of hope, a song of love triumphant. And through the ages, men have heard it and joined in the swelling chorus, a mighty paean of praise that neither time, nor distance, nor death may silence. For it shall be sung as long as the ages endure—

"O praise and bless the Lord, my soul,
His wondrous love proclaim:
Join heart and voice and all my powers
To bless His holy Name."

An Egyptian Village Band

Egypt Learning To Read

By REV. E. E. GRICE, D.D., Associate Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions

On a cold February night two years ago a Trans-World airplane dropped out of the darkness onto Farouk field, Cairo's busiest airport. The coming of that plane through the darkness brought light to the mental darkness of Egypt.

The committee of waiting missionaries saw a humble but great man walk down the steps and out to the gate to meet them. Dr. Frank Laubach had come to Egypt. With him was Mrs. Laubach, an invaluable companion and helper.

Then came six strenuous weeks of preparation for the Literacy Campaign, and one of the most thrilling experiences in cooperation that some of us have ever experienced.

Dr. Laubach went to Egypt under the auspices of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature. This committee provided Doctor Laubach's salary and also generously granted a subsidy to help start the work in Egypt. His Majesty, King Farouk of Egypt, had graciously extended an invitation to Dr. Laubach to come and generously donated £100 to help out in the expenses.

The Egypt Intermission Council formed an interdenominational committee to be responsible for the work and it fell to the lot of the writer to be chairman of one of the most interesting committees on which it has ever been his privilege to work.

There were members on the committee from five missions and the American University, in addition to representatives from the Evangelical Church, the Church of England, the Coptic Church, and the Roman Catholic Church. This central committee not only held together and worked harmoniously through the six weeks of preparation for the campaign but now, two years later, is still in existence and carrying on the work under the able chairmanship of Dr. R. T. McLaughlin of our mission.

The first step was to set up a technical committee to devise a primer to teach adults to read according to the principle of the Laubach Method. The late Dr. C. C. Adams of the American University was chairman of this committee. The Bureau of Education of the Government provided two technical advisers. The missions and churches provided other able members, outstanding among whom were our own Miss Halana Mikhail and the Rev. Tanious Zakhary of our Evangelical Church.

The achievement of this committee was a marvel to all of us. A primer in twelve easy lessons with a two-page story at the end in simple language is all there is to a course by which an adult of average intelligence can learn to read in a few days, and so step from darkness into light.

Meanwhile, the central committee was busy with advertising the campaign. Two conventions were held, one in the Ewart Hall of the American University and the second in the Ezbekiah Church in our American Mission building. At these meetings Doctor Laubach explained the method and instructions and demonstrations were given to prove how rapidly adults could learn to read.

In a country like Egypt where 85% of the people are illiterate and an even larger percent are poor, suspicion, ignorance and fear are prevalent. Yet this is the ideal place for a campaign against illiteracy. When the primer was devised and printed, it only remained to convince the educated that the plan would work and the campaign was under way.

Doctor Laubach advocated that the

Dr. E. E. Grice teaching the middle-aged doorkeeper at the American Mission in Cairo, during the Literacy Drive in the Laubach Campaign

slogan "Each One Teach One" be adopted by the Christians in Egypt and thousands responded by expressing a desire to help.

The central committee decided that it would not be responsible for conducting the campaign, but would act as a clearing house for information, the production of the early stages of literature and in general to promote and encourage the campaign.

Under the direction of the committee the simple Life of Christ written by Doctor Laubach for this purpose was translated into Arabic and published in twelve brief pamphlets. Ten thousand copies of each were printed by the Society for Propagation of Christian Knowledge and are being sold to the new literates at a minimum cost. Thus Christian homes are being flooded with a new light and the story of Jesus is becoming known in a land that knew it at least inadequately. This was a high point of cooperation for the translation was accepted by Copts, Roman Catholics, and Evangelicals alike.

To satisfy the needs of the Ministry of Education a series of pamphlets in simple literature were devised by the committee in cooperation with the Ministry to be used in certain places where the Ministry is following the Laubach method.

It was agreed that each mission and denomination would be responsible for the carrying on of the campaign in its own constituency. This proved to be one of the wisest steps taken by the committee. Friction and competition were avoided and a maximum of cooperation was maintained.

The Rev. Tanious Zakhary was asked to give a part of his time to the committee to aid in promotion, with his services and that of the chairman to be equally available to all missions and denominations.

The American Mission and the Evangelical Church were among the first to see the possibilities of this movement. Dr. Davida Finney and her helper, Miss Halana Mikhail, toured the country visiting many towns and villages and stirred up real enthusiasm among the churches and girls' schools. Hundreds of volunteers sent in their names and orders began to pour in for copies of the primer. The government took one-half of the first issue of ten thousand.

From all over the land reports began to come in of the amazing results of the new method. One village pastor taught twenty women of his congregation to read and a revival followed among his people. A woman in Alexandria learned to read in five lessons and wrote to her people in an up-country village. A lad of eleven in Cairo taught his mother to read. Friends taught their neighbors, employers taught their servants, and everywhere the result was joy and happiness.

A Roman Catholic priest who is the head of 120 village schools introduced the method to his teachers. A group of seventy students of the National University of Cairo, all Coptic Christians, met in a Coptic church one night and invited the chairman to tell them all about the new method. The atmosphere was tense with enthusiasm and interest. After an hour and a half of conference, they pledged themselves to a man to return to their villages during summer vacation and teach the illiterate people in their own congregations to read.

The work of the central committee should go on. Doctor McLaughlin, the chairman, is a man burdened by many other duties due to shortage of personnel in Egypt. The committee could use a modest budget to meet the cost and drain of a minimum amount of travel, postage and other necessary committee expenses. It has no budget.

This committee from the very beginning has worked on a financial basis that seems impossible, yet a glorious lot has been accomplished. Anyone who can see the possibilities of this remarkable movement might perhaps be led to direct a part of his tithe to help the committee in its task.

Literacy Campaign

By MISS MARGARET BARK, Cairo, Egypt

Villagers who stop work to learn to read, who read during meal and rest periods and who clamor for lengthening of "school" hours and more attention from their teachers indicate the enthusiasm with which the Laubach method of literacy is received in the rural areas of the Nile valley.

In an attempt to determine the desire of the fellaheen (farmers) for literacy, Miss Halana Mikhail, of the American Mission, Cairo, two American women and an Egyptian man spent four days in Nazlit Hamed, a village of 800 residents, and began a literacy campaign for the whole village. Men, women and children started the course, others coming each day as word of the project spread. Of the thirty pupils, one-fourth had finished the Laubach primer and were working on advanced material at the end of the four-day session.

Classes were held at the home of an elder of the Christian church in the village. Studying six hours a day, the learners never tired. Two women, probably with a slight previous knowledge of the Arabic alphabet, finished the primer in two days, three young women finished in four days. Each wanted the whole book in one lesson. Two men were able to start with the second book in the Laubach series.

Attending classes was an old man, half blind, who could not see in the dimly lighted dwelling, so was taken into the yard for his lessons. He wanted to finish the whole book at once, and demanded all of Miss Halana's time, except when she managed to break away to help somone else. A woman taking the course stated that she had studied so continuously that she could not look around without seeing the letters and words on her walls as she worked at home; while her teachers admitted that they dreamed of the words which they were teaching to their eager pupils.

"If all illiterates are as anxious to learn as these people, in but a short time Egypt could be literate," Miss Halana has said.

Appointed Field Director

Since April 1, Miss Halana has been field director for the Campaign, cooperating with Dr. Ralph T. Mc-

Laughlin, the campaign director. Six centers in Egypt have organized campaign committees representing all the Christian denominations in Egypt, including the Catholics and Copts. Each representative committee develops and reports on work done by his denominational groups. Miss Halana meets with these committees and then helps each member in the task of organizing the work he succeeds in beginning.

Volunteer teachers must be taught the Laubach method and how to report on the progress of pupils on blanks furnished by campaign committee. Every two weeks one blank is sent by the teacher to the committee representative and through him to Miss Halana. In this way a check is made on progress made by each individual taught. In summarizing these reports Miss Halana will have the help of the Literature Committee of the American Mission.

The illiterate is first taken through the primer, then through a reader and then is helped to obtain "follow-up" literature which is prepared by the various mission bodies of Egypt. This follow-up literature covers a large field—bulletins and books written on health, hygiene, family life, religious subjects, stories, temperance, agriculture and farm animals. As is apparent, many of these are suitable for non-Christians as well as for Christians. The purpose in the campaign is to make available for the newly literate a store of useful knowledge, to help him in his daily living.

Although the campaign is only now being thoroughly organized through the efforts of a full-time director, yet it has existed ever since Dr. Laubach's visit in 1947. Groups and individuals teach in many places in Egypt. In the Fayoum, Miss Helen Noordewier and her Egyptian colleagues have taught eighty young girls, who now have nearly completed the reader on the life of Christ. Miss Weed, in Alexandria, has helped volunteers to teach a considerable number of illiterates. Rev. Badea, of Assiut College, visited every week a group in Beni Gurra, a village near Assiut, and followed its work until a number were reading the Scriptures. Mr. Tewfik Saleh, a willing helper, has backed other teaching efforts near Assiut. The Anglican Girls' School in Old Cairo has done a good job of teaching during summer holidays. So, too, have students from Assiut College, Cairo College for Girls, and others.

Sudan Accepts Laubach

Similar encouragement met Miss Halana last fall when she lectured on and demonstrated the Laubach method in the Sudan at the request of the Sudanese government and of the mission.

When riding on busses Miss Halana was often stopped by persons who asked if it were possible for them also to learn to read.

No one objected to being taught before groups of people in the demonstrations, and in one case a policeman was taught before a fourth-grade class.

Inhabitants of Giraif, anxious to learn, begged Miss Halana to stay a week longer, until they could finish the first book of the course. They came to meetings after their day's work and began to teach each other.

In the Sudan the Campaign is promoted by the government Education Department. The Laubach primer is adapted to needs there, and the people are realizing that through education they can learn the way to better living.

Appreciation of Dr. Laubach's help to all illiterates and to Miss Halana for bringing the message to the Sudan was expressed in poetry by a young Sudanese at the final campaign meeting in Atbara. She received letters of thanks for her work from the Education Department and other officials.

Women Accepting Responsibility

In Egypt

By MRS. J. W. ACHESON, Cairo, Egypt

The girls and women of our Church in Egypt are being trained and prepared for different types of leadership and responsibility and as new ways of service open up before them, they are readily accepting the challenge.

As we read through the history of the early church, we see the part that women played in the development of the church and community. So it has been true here and we can only mention a few of those who have accepted, and are at the present time, accepting leadership and responsibility and are giving of their time, money and talents to help the Church in the Valley of the Nile.

From the beginning, there have been these who in schoolroom, home and church have taught the girls and women. One of the Bible Women who for more than thirty-five years had helped with such work in one of the larger churches was called home recently. At the funeral of Sitt Miriam, pastors, elders and friends gave testimony of what her teaching had done. A Training School in Tanta for such workers is preparing young women for leadership in home visitation, Sabbath Schools and Girls' circles.

Many of you have read of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools which students, teachers and mothers have carried on successfully during summer vacations.

As time went on other ways of service opened up to the young women and girls. The first graduate of the Nurses' Training School in Assiut is serving effectively with Miss Jane Smith in the Abbassia Clinic.

A few weeks ago the telephone rang and a well-known voice asked if she might come and use a Bible Dictionary and other books. She was preparing a paper on "What Is Sin?" for a forum discussion in a mixed group at the Y. W. C. A. She teaches in a government school and as soon as school closed, she came and worked several hours on the subject. She is a graduate of the Ezbekia Girls' School and has always been a leader. I did not hear the discussion but I am sure she did it effectively. She not only contributes to the Y. W. C. A. but is President of the English Christian Endeavor which meets in the building each Sabbath evening.

The literature problem was one which, until recently, was left unsolved. However, with Miss Finney's enthusiasm and skill much has been and is being done in reading room and village libraries. Her capable coworker, Miss Halana Mikhail, has done much to help. During Dr. Laubach's visit to Egypt to initiate the Literacy Campaign, Miss Halana gave valuable help. She visited the Sudan and gave assistance in starting the Campaign there. She has toured the villages here instructing those who wish to use this method. When a field worker was needed recently, she was chosen for this work.

Just the other day I went down to the church auditorium to attend the Thank Offering of the Girls' School. The place was filled with girls and on the platform presiding over the meeting was one of the students. The speaker, Miss S——, used the subject, "What is a Thank Offering?" It was an inspiring message and as I listened there passed through my memory the names of many girls

who had been taught by Mrs. S——, Miss Rose as we called her before her marriage. Now as a busy wife and mother, she continues to give part of her time and talent. What an influence she has been and continues to be! There was more to the program but I just waited to hear the next speaker, a member of a well-known family, as with dignity, poise and charm, she told a story, "God's Part in the Thank Offering."

The next day I went downstairs to the school chapel where the Ezbekia Church Thank Offering was being held. The address was given by a young university student, the daughter of the former pastor at Luxor. Her subject was, "Why We Should be Thankful." It was inspiring and given with pep and enthusiasm. It made us think seriously. She is a real leader, sings in the choir, is a member of the Christian Endeavor and seems to really enjoy any bit of service for the church.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by a charming young mother, the granddaughter of one of the first pastors in the church in Egypt. She has a family and though a busy mother, she found time for a long trip by bus to the meeting. She was speaking the next day at a meeting at a church in one of Cairo's suburbs.

The same story could be told of other schools and congregations where the girls and women were leading the Thank Offering meetings.

One of the very recent opportunities for service has been accepted by a fine young girl, who on leaving the American College for Girls went to her home village and is carrying on a Girls' School. She has the support and encouragement of her family and now lives in a near-by town, although she has spent most of her life in Cairo and Alexandria.

One of our college graduates went to America for training in social service work and received her Master's degree. When she returned to Egypt she began work with the Social Service department and is also teaching along the same line. In this type of work will be many opportunities for service.

In many churches you will see that the musical instrument is being played by one of the young women and in the choir will be a group of girls and women. At special meetings one of our capable teachers leads the singing and teaches new choruses. What is done in the cities is being begun in the villages as the girls return from boarding schools. A Christmas pageant prepared by a young woman is given each year. She trains the group and plans the costumes.

During an extended furlough, it was our privilege to occupy the manse in a small town in the foothills of the Alleghenies. We arrived there in late January, when snow covered the ground. We could look out on the garden and see nothing but leafless trees and bushes. One spring morning as we looked out to welcome our morning visitor, a Kentucky cardinal, we had a pleasant surprise. The snow had melted near the house and there we saw a long row of yellow and lavender crocuses. Then day by day new wonders opened up before our astonished eyes—jonquils, iris, ferns, violets and lilacs. Someone else had planted, watered and cared for the garden before we arrived. Now we were enjoying the fruits of their labor.

So it is true in the Evangelical group of Egypt. Pastors, parents, faithful teachers, Bible Women and missionaries have sown beside all waters and the harvest has been plentiful.

"Where is the torch I lighted?"
She cried when her day was done.
A strong young hand will lift it high
With tomorrow's rising sun—
A hand you touched with the strength of faith
And guided with hope's bright star
Will feel the warmth of your selfless love
And speed your torch afar!"

Egyptian Women Speak For Themselves

In our Presbytery of Assiut you find after you leave the city of Assiut, that the freedom of women is limited to a great extent. Yet they are doing their best to serve their Lord and Saviour.

They attend the services regularly. Besides this they lead their special meetings, where several women take part in the service, and this is the fruit of the visits of the missionaries who founded the missionary societies. In this meeting they study many subjects, and they are always encouraged by the visits of the missionary. They long to know the best ways to do good. They have a committee for visits to the sick and the absent. They have also a prayer committee. Most of them pay money monthly and give to the poor and needy on Christmas and Easter and other occasions.

This year and last the learned women joined the Laubach Campaign and taught many illiterates. This was by the help of Miss Finney, Mrs. Dunlap and Miss Halana who carry on this campaign.

Every year our women's societies gather their Thank Offering, and send delegates to the Presbyterial Convention expressing their thanks to God.

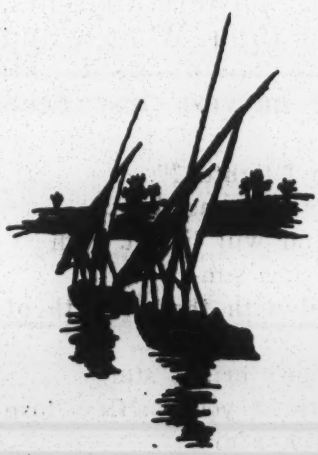
Mrs. Fikry Mikhail,
(President of Assiut Presbyterial, wife of the pastor at Abu Tig.)

Woman has an important place in the church. She can use her influence to deepen the spiritual life in her house and in her visits to other houses, in helping other women and especially in building up the family altar. I am sorry to say that not all the women in our churches understand their duty in training their families to pray, to go to church and to treat others kindly. The women in our churches need to learn to promote cooperation in the family group. All should have the chance to read the Bible and to hear the Word of God regularly.

Each woman needs to learn how to train her children, as well as to learn to help others and to give gifts for the work of God, and so take some responsibility in her church.

The best use of her influence is to be a good example in her home and in her church. The church now should encourage our women to understand their real position and its possibilities. We hope that our church will carry out some practical plans so that our women will be better servants of the Lord and be able to accept responsibility in His work.

Mrs. Ameen Awad,
(President of Mallawi Presbyterial, wife of the pastor at Deir-Mawas.)



"The string of camels come in single file,
Bearing their burdens o'er the desert sand;
Swiftly the boats go plying on the Nile,
The needs of men are met on every hand.
But still I wait
For the messenger of God who cometh late.

Women Accepting Responsibility
In The North Sudan

By MISS UNA COIE, Khartoum North, the North Sudan

In thinking of the part our women of the North Sudan have had in helping others to learn the Christian's Glory Song my thoughts turn to six women in particular, though there are many others.

ELIZABETH

The one who has seen the most years of service is Elizabeth. In addition to her teaching the school she has for years conducted the class on Sabbath morning for the poor, most of whom are quite old. Faithfully and well she has repeated the story of God's love over and over again to these needy ones who found it hard to grasp the message. This work is part of the responsibility of the church.

The church supplies the financial aid for dispensing the physical bread along with the Bread of Life each week, as well as participating in the material gifts of clothing, sugar, coffee, tea and soap at Christmas time.

Elizabeth has a home in the native village with her father and mother, both of whom are still Moslems.

During the past year she has assumed the responsibility for giving a home to Sameer, the youngest waif, taken under the care of the Girls' Boarding School. She has charge of him in the home outside of her teaching hours and takes him with her to the village on her month-end vacations and during the summer.

FAITH AND ZEINAB

Then there are Faith and Zeinab. The latter has not been baptized yet although she counts herself a Christian. Her service has been as a teacher in the school and during this past year she has been one of a group that teaches two afternoons a week, a class of Moslem women in the homes at a village, Halfaiyat El Muluk, about eight miles from Khartoum North. (Elizabeth also has had a share in this work.)

Zeinab has a rare gift for making Bible stories live through her use of the "Skinnie-Pinnies" which is the Sudanese version for "Little Jetts." At a recent Sabbath School conference she gave a demonstration of how the story of the Prodigal Son might be taught to children by the use of the "Skinnie-Pinnies" which was very effective. Faith has given years of service, also, in teaching the children. At this same Sabbath School conference she demonstrated the possibilities of making use of a home-made flannelgraph board, such as could be provided by any teacher, working with a small group of children. A fair-sized card-board box was used with the lid placed at a slanting angle over the base of the box. The flannel was firmly fastened on the lid. She proceeded to place her pictures on it. When not wanted for a board, the box would contain the pictures and could be carried about with her.

SITT ESTHER

Another one is Sitt Esther, the wife of a doctor who is an elder in one of our churches. She has been active in the work of the local missionary society, having served as president besides holding offices in the presbyterial. At our recent Day-of-Prayer-Around-the-World she had

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Proclaimers Of His Love

By Egyptian Ministers who visited American churches in 1948

Rev. Ibrahim Girgis

It was my good fortune, along with my three companions to be chosen to represent Presbyteries from the Synod of the Nile at the General Assembly in June, 1948.

God's love to us was manifest in this long journey, for we crossed the ocean without sickness or danger. Our feet had scarcely touched American soil until we found ourselves surrounded by more evidences of His love and care.

We attended the sessions of the General Assembly and met once with the Women's Board and twice with the Foreign Board.

His love made it possible for us to represent the church in Egypt before the mother church in America. The church in America learned much about the church in Egypt which increased its love and prayerful concern for the work in Egypt. We trust that the spiritual contact between the two churches has been renewed and greatly strengthened and the thoughts and purposes of the two churches brought closer together. We trust that the mother church, knowing the needs of the church in Egypt will reach out her helping hand with men and money to accomplish the great service for all his people of Egypt until all shall know the Lord.

My absence from Egypt for three months kept me from visiting many churches up and down the Nile to gather funds for Synod of which I am treasurer. I returned to find the treasury empty and the ministers in need of the aid they receive from it. But God's love was manifested in renewing my strength to visit from place to place, from Alexandria to Luxor and His blessing on these visits which brought abundant gifts into the treasury. Receipts in the month of December 1948 reached the total of LE 1250 or $5000, which is the largest income for the budget of Synod in any single month.

Rev. Wahby Boulus. His recent death brought sorrow to friends in Egypt and America.

Rev. Tewfik Gayyid, Pastor, Sohag, Egypt

But His love is even more clearly manifested in the spiritual fruit found in many of our Egyptian churches. Some of our elders have held revival services in a number of churches, especially in Mallawi and Assiut Presbyteries, which have brought many new members into the church and renewed the spirit of love and brotherhood and witness to Christ as Saviour.

The news which we brought to the church in Egypt about the church in America worked like magic in spreading a new spirit of dedication and active witness, although the church in Egypt at present faces great difficulties and bitter opposition. Yet the news from America made the Egyptian church to understand that although it is weak in numbers and has limited resources, nevertheless it is related spiritually to a large and strong church in America in which we have rich and strong relatives across the seas who love and pray for it and help it under all circumstances.

These brief glimpses will show forth the evidences of God's love to us and to His church in this land.

In closing we must refer to the recent death of our dear brother, Rev. Wahby Boulus, a providence which we do not now understand, but which will one day be made clear. Meanwhile we shall not be weary in proclaiming the love and goodness and mercy of God.

Rev. Ibrahim Girgis

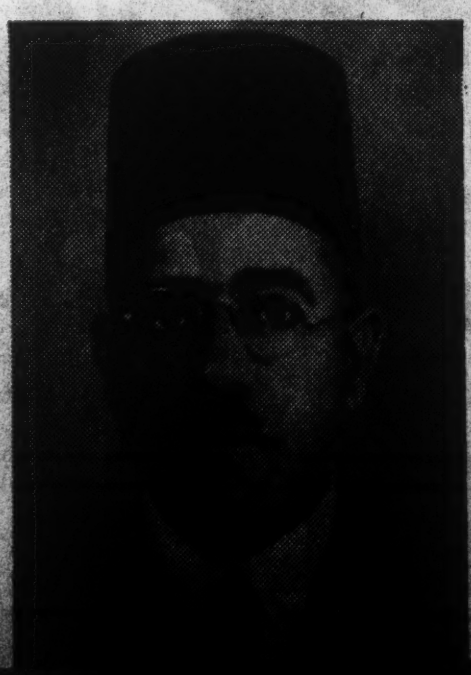
I have been here in Sohag, since 1924. At the beginning there were great obstacles confronting the Lord's work; some from inside and others from outside the church.

But in spite of all difficulties, the work prospered and from 19 members at the beginning, we have now a congregation of 200 members and 300 attendants. We have our Sunday School, our Christian Endeavor, sending her men to preach in the villages nearby, and our Women's Evangelistic meeting. The church offers more than $500 yearly for the work outside. Still the people throng to hear the Gospel, and still the doctrines of grace are to the front demonstrating that the grand levers for raising souls out of the fearful pit of sin are the very doctrines which the so-called advanced thinkers are trying to induce the Christian world to discard as antiquated and impotent.

My experience can be summarized in the following words: "If you have been set on fire by a divine truth, the world cannot put an extinguisher upon you. That candle which God has lighted, the devils in hell cannot blow out. I bear my joyful witness to the power of God to work mightily by the most insignificant of instruments."

"The feeblest saint shall win the day,
Though death and hell obstruct the way."

Rev. Tewfik Gayyid



Rev. Labib Mishriky, Fom-el-Kalig, Cairo

"More Souls" After "More Space"

By the REVEREND WESLEY STASY, Omdurman, the North Sudan

The only subject that occupies the minds of all today, in Omdurman, is the Union Church. The new building is now ready and preparations are made for the dedication service which will be held on April 19, 1949.

I am quite sure that you will be interested to know of this church. I cannot tell you everything about it as I have been in Omdurman only since 1941. But I am going to tell you something of the story.

About fifteen years ago the American Mission and the Church Missionary Society talked over the possibility of joining together in worship in one place and as one body and no more as United Presbyterians and Anglicans. Meetings for this purpose were held and discussions carried on but without apparent results for the first ten years.

Five years ago the local congregation in Omdurman of the Evangelical Church of Egypt and the Sudan, being organized and grown stronger, took part in the discussions. The matter was put before the Synod of the Nile in two consecutive meetings. The Synod of the Nile passed an action accepting the idea of a Union Church in Omdurman. This made it possible for the two churches, the Evangelical Church and the Anglican Church, to agree on erecting a new church building for both of them, backed by the American Mission in the Sudan and the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Khartoum. Plans for the building were made and the work started nearly one year ago, owing to the contractor being very kind and generous, willing to start building. It was only h a l f the estimated expenses which amounted to $2,000. We are sure that God will send the second half in the suitable time.

Rev. Wesley Stasy and Family

The new church building is about four times larger than our two old church buildings. We had been pleased to see our churches crowded with worshippers. Now we have room for more and we shall always feel that we are a small body worshipping in a large place and that it is our growing responsibility to add to our number. We must work hard in order to fill the new church so that we shall enjoy the pleasures of a crowded church as we did formerly.

As we are now two bodies working together we shall have the blessings of cooperation. We shall gain much from each other and we hope that we shall put foremost the building of Christ's body, the Church. We hope, not very long from now, to have one church, in the full meaning of the word, for Christ in the Sudan. We must work hard for it and prepare ourselves and the church for taking this step for the Glory of Christ and the coming of His Kingdom in the Sudan.

The Voice Of A Sudanese Woman

By Madame Esther Daoud, Omdurman, the North Sudan

The church of Omdurman is the oldest in the Sudan. The first missionary who came to the Sudan was the late Dr. J. Kelly Giffen who started his work in Omdurman. This church is the typical native church. A large percentage of the members are Sudanese, many of whom were Moslems converted to Christianity. The total number of members is not large but we feel the blessings of God in our work.

The church also sponsors among other activities a Women's Society which last year gained the flag of the society of the women in the Sudan. We had an old hall in which we used to pray and we felt the need for a suitable building. We had little money but we prayed. After thirty years we were able to collect some money and in conjunction with the Church of England, we were able to build a suitable church worthy of Christ's Church in the Sudan.

Omdurman, the North Sudan

The new church is now completed. We are using our old benches.

We are still indebted to the contractor who built the church, but we have faith that God will send us the needed help in time.

Mrs. Ried F. Shields, associate editor, writes: Madame Daoud is a most interesting person. She is the wife of an Egyptian (Sudan citizen) doctor who is in government service. She is a typical Sudanese, baptized after she was married. Her faithful Christian work in the Omdurman church is noteworthy. In taking charge of our World Day of Prayer meeting, she did very well.

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charge of the program and conducted the entire program in a very capable manner.

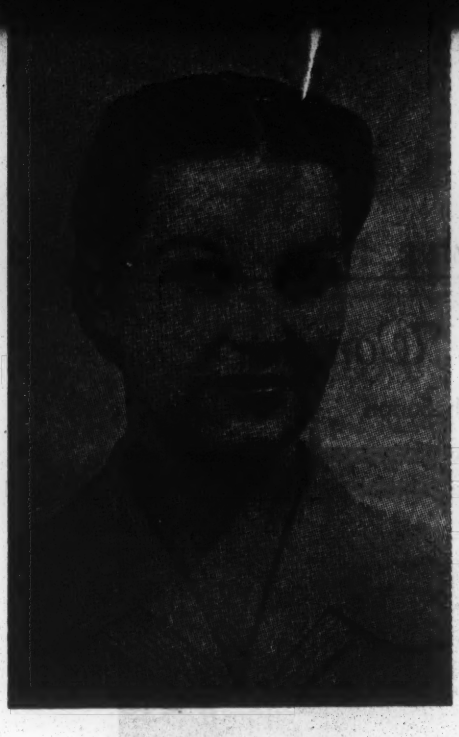
SITT AIDA AND BERTA

Then there are Sitt Aida and Sitt Berta, two busy mothers who give one day a week each to teach non-Christian women in the homes. They are active in their local missionary society, one of them being president.

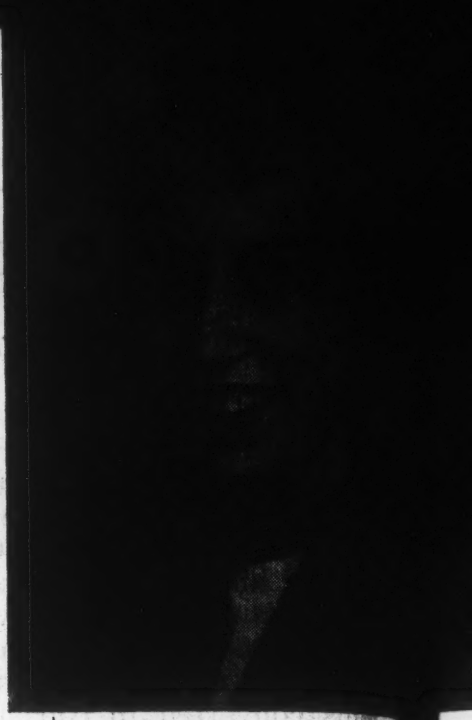
OTHER FAITHFUL WORKERS

Others are Erada, Eugenie, Niema, Martha and Alice, the first three having each had her turn as presbyterial president. All of them have spent years teaching in the homes or school and helping out in the work of the church.

Since our Presbyterial has been organized there has been only one year when a missionary was president. With the exception of a missionary on some of the committees, the presbyterials have been planned and conducted by the women of the church entirely. Others have given of their service to the Juniors. Of course, not all of our women are doing their part with the talents they have, but we praise God for those who are faithful.



Messages From Our New Missionaries And Short-Term Workers



Miss Millie I. Kelso

Miss Marian L. Jamieson

Shortly after I came to Egypt, Dr. Laubach arrived to begin his literacy campaign. Soon everyone had accepted and believed in his familiar slogan, "Each one teach one." The very thought of these words seemed to reach out to endless possibilities, each one reflecting a ray of hope.

Now that I have been in the country longer, and am more familiar with the conditions and needs of the people, I can see that each one must adopt this slogan as his own, and expand its meaning to include, not only reading, but other matters as religion, health and social work. It is a joy to see those whom we have already trained go out to teach in schools, clubs, clinics, youth centers, and Bible work, but their number is so few compared with the multitudes yet unreached. We need more people to teach—not one—but many.

Millie Kelso

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It is grand being back in Egypt. Having spent the first fourteen years of my life in this country, I feel at home in it. My work is teaching thirteen American children. I enjoy my Sabbath School class of Egyptian girls at the Girls' School. There are a dozen girls in the class, all eleven or twelve years old. All are faithful in attendance, and it is a challenge to me to present the lesson each week so that it may set before them the truths of Christianity.

Every afternoon after school I go in to the hospital to help in the nursery. This work seems worthwhile for the people of Egypt, even if it is nothing more than feeding and taking care of those sweet Egyptian babies. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Marian L. Jamieson

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How quickly and pleasantly these three years at American College for Girls have passed! The term appeared interminably long on that August day in 1945 when the Vulcania sailed out of New York harbor; but now with only two months remaining, these years of teaching in Egypt seem like a dream—a very wonderful dream indeed. Certainly there has been no cause to regret the decision to accept short-term missionary appointment.

Teaching in a foreign land such as this has its problems to be sure, but the richness of the reward outweighs the difficulties. Living in Cairo for three years is in itself an opportunity filled with amazing possibilities for widened horizons in living. Doing a job which appeals increasingly to one as being signally important is a source of constant satisfaction. And these girls—how can one put into words what joy comes from knowing them and teaching them and sharing their problems!

Yes, it is an experience which can be recommended to anyone interested in service which will bring deep and lasting satisfaction.

Edna King

ss Norma Lee Squires Miss Faith E. Hamilton Mrs. Don Armstrong

"Every morning mercies new" — sounds as if it is coming from the chapel, and it is. This is a favorite song of the girls. Perhaps by singing it often, they will realize that every day God does give us many mercies. It is our sincere prayer that they will.

As music teachers we firmly believe that music plays a large part in Christianity, for in no other religion is the praise of God so alive and joyful. Often through singing the songs of the church our faith is strengthened, and through hearing them many come to inquire about the Christ who puts the songs in the hearts of those who believe in Him.

A typical day in our work might include classes in Ethics, English, Music, and even Physical Education, and perhaps classes would vary in age range from Kindergarten to Fourth Preparatory. Such a wide variety of classes and ages as well as the language difficulty makes each teaching day a new challenge. Especially is that true of the classes we have with the little ones. They still know so little English, that it is necessary to use many ways of explaining one thing, but all the hard work is rewarded when their faces light up as they begin to understand, and it is fun to hear them s i n g their little English songs with an Egyptian accent. Probably their satisfaction at understanding is no greater than our pleasure in being understood.

Norma Lee Squires
and Faith Hamilton

Particularly if you are of a serious nature, the thought of spending three years of your life as a short termer on one of our mission fields might fill you with such awe and misgivings that you cannot bring yourself to take the step. But, if you find that you simply cannot get the challenge of it off your mind, why not accept the challenge?

Your life does not stop during those three years. It is not a time when the normal things of life "go by the board" and you do, think, and feel everything differently. When you go you take yourself along and you are so close to each new experience that evn though much is new and strange you find yourself becoming closely associated with those new and strange things. Even when you visit a mud village where many of the people have not been five miles away you feel a certain kinship with their desires, their problems, their jokes, their successes and failures, even their way of living.

Your experience of being close to a life which at one time you would not have believed existed in this twentieth-century world, makes you better able to see through the glass a bit more clearly. You are humbled to think that God uses such talents as your own to help in the coming of His Kingdom.

Mrs. Don Armstrong

Miss M. Helen McCoy and Nagalli, an Orphan

Tuesday Morning, April 5: The morning has started very pleasantly. Because of the heat we are beginning the school day at seven o'clock and now, in the third period, there is still a pleasant breeze.

In the first period English there was the opportunity to speak of God's goodness to us and our responsibility to help others less fortunate than ourselves as we read that Philemon and Baucis thought it a holy duty to be hospitable to strangers.

In the second period Bible class we have just finished *Romans*. We have started the study of some of the Psalms by memorizing Psalm 24.

The girls who are with me in study are Christian, Coptic - Christian and Moslems, probably the only opportunity the non-Christian girls will ever have to hear the gospel.

Yesterday a woman came to the office to make arrangements for some of her children (She has fourteen) to enter school. She was in school for several years before she was married. Miss Turk asked her if she remembered the Bible she had learned while in school. She said, "Yes, I can never forget it." We should pray for the girls who are in school that they may be given faith to accept salvation.

M. Helen McCoy

Would you, a young girl who has not been able to have an education yourself, be willing to spend most of your time at home hemstitching handkerchiefs or doing fine Sudanese embroidery so that you could pay the school fees for your three little brothers and one older sister? Would you be willing to walk long distances under a merciless sun if your father couldn't, or wouldn't, pay bus fees? Would you be willing to walk the same distance on cold mornings leading your little four-year-old brother by the hand, when neither of you had warm clothes, but had to come early because classes begin at 7:30 in the morning?

High school girls, could you ignore an appeal to work in a new government office at high wages (and some of them did not) to continue your education even though you had to earn most of your own fees by doing sewing for others to get that education? We, as teachers and missionaries praise Him because there are those who consider it worth some sacrifice on their part to attend our school. So we can go right on "Learning the Glory Song" here in Atbara, hoping and trusting that some day it will be sung the entire length of the Nile.

Rosaltha Kenagy

Miss Rosaltha Kenagy and Howa Gumaa, a second-year high school girl

Worship Service

THEME: LEARNING TO SERVE HIM—OUR SERVICE FOR CHRIST

By MISS ANNA A. MILLIGAN, Sterling, Kansas

"Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee."

Praise—B. S. H. No. 223, 1, 2; No. 29. Read the second stanza of 209 in unison, then sing entire No.

Prayer by the leader.

Scripture—Isa. 18:1, 2, 6, 7; Isa. 45:14; Isa. 52:7; Psalm 68:31; Rom. 10:15.

Meditation—How beautiful upon the mountains were the feet of the Lord Christ who "went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness" (Matt. 9:35). And how beautiful were the feet of Livingstone of whom *Punch* wrote when the body of the great missionary was brought by his devoted Susi and Chuma to lie in Westminster Abbey:

" 'Tis the last mile of many thousands trod
With failing strength, but never-failing will
By the worn frame, now at its rest with God,
That never rested from its fight with ill.

"He needs no epitaph to guard a name
Which men shall p r i z e while worthy work is known;
He lived and died for good—be that his fame;
Let marble crumble: t h i s is Living-stone."

Thus missionaries in all lands have followed in their train—in the footsteps of Christ and of Livingstone. They have gone about on foot, primarily, doing the Master's will and making many paths sacred because they have walked there, preaching, teaching and healing, and making known the love of Christ. If you call the roll of the faithful messengers of the Cross all up and down the Nile Valley, you will learn of many who

"Climbed the s t e e p ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain."

There was Anna Y. Thompson who climbed mountains of stairs in the city of Cairo, even when bent with age and infirmity, because only so could she reach the shut-in women in the walled-in houses. How beautiful were her feet although often weary and calloused with the toil of daily duty!

As time went on the district missionaries pressed into service the plodding donkey to save precious strength, also the horse and buggy, and the camel, then the tram and the Ford and the Railroad House-car, and the House-boat.

Report briefly the Delta Car, the Ibis and the Witness in Egypt, the Evangel and the Elliott in the Sudan (See April 1949 W.M.M. page 472, *Facts and Folks in Our F i e l d s Abroad*, and *Sorrow and Hope of the Egyptian Sudan*).

Have news items on the use of planes in our own mission fields.

But even with all these means to double and treble and quadruple the efficiency of the messengers of Christ, there are still so few to reach so many—and millions in our own mission fields still sit in darkness.

Sing No. 268

Prayer by many volunteers. Close with an earnest prayer by the leader.

Prayer Group Department

MRS. J. C. SPIELMAN, Prayer Group Secretary, 110 Newburn Drive, Pittsburgh 16, Pa

SPECIAL SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY for Foreign Missions.

Pray for non-Christian girls in school at Khartoum North who believe in Christ but have not yet openly confessed Him. (See article by Miss Helen McCoy, p. 602)

Pray that the new Union Church in Omdurman may be blessed of God. (See article by Rev. Wesley Stasy, p. 598)

Pray that the chorus of singing voices in the Nile Valley may continue to swell to great proportions. (See article by Miss Martha A. Roy, p. 585)

Pray that the new converts among women in our mission fields may be given wisdom in training their families in the way of Christ.

Pray for our new missionaries as they enter into the work of our mission fields.

Pray for our educated women in Egypt and the North Sudan who are stepping into places of leadership and responsibility.

Give thanks to God for the enthusiasm of the illiterates in desiring to learn to read. Pray that as these people master this ability they may use it to learn more of Christ, their Savior.

PRAY for the Work among the Mountain People.

Pray that those being graduated from the schools at Frenchburg and Ezel may go forth representing the Christian ideals which have been held before them.

Pray for the American Indian.

Pray that the efforts of Mr. Charles Saunders may be greatly blessed as he resumes his summer missionary work at the Cherokee mission.

PRAY for the American Negroes.

Pray for Mrs. Eva Adams and her efficient staff of workers as they minister to the sick in Henderson, North Carolina.

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

"Because you prayed
God touched our weary bodies with His power,
And gave us strength
For many a trying hour
In which we might have faltered,
Had not you, our intercessors,
Faithful been and true."

Missions Around The World

By MRS. JOHN H. GERSTNER JR. Pittsburgh, Pa.

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

ONE does not forget the war when visiting in Manila. Everywhere there is stark evidence of the dreadful hell Manila underwent. A common sight is beautiful blue sky shining through windows of stone ruins.

Ignorantly enough we had written to the YMCA for reservations. Needless to say, we stayed somewhere else. The YMCA is just another one of the gaunt ruins of the city. Work continues in Quonsett hut headquarters and rebuilding is just beginning.

For every peso the Filipinos raise America has promised three for the rehabilitation of their buildings. It is estimated that 800,000 pesos (about $400,000) will complete the task. We were present at a drive luncheon and the local people are nearing their goal. I certainly hope we do as well.

It seems incongruous to see against the sombre background a gay, fun-loving people. The Filipino has a contagious sense of humor. He loves life and seems to have succeeded in burying his past days of horrible suffering in a miraculous manner.

They have many fiestas. The girls are attractive. Their provincial country dress, the *saya,* is becoming. It looks much like an evening dress with full, net, puffed sleeves. But the net is really *pinya* cloth. It is made of pineapple fibre and is woven under water.

The people love to ride. Streets are jammed with traffic which seems to the American to obey no laws. The common vehicle, a post-war product, is the *Manila Jeepny*—a jeep painted in gay colors, decorated with a canopy, with perhaps an American slogan copied from one of our planes written on the back step.

During the war at one time 350 jeeps disappeared a day. Then when commercial vehicles were permitted on the streets again, 5,000 of these *jeepnies* appeared overnight.

Philippine girls dressed in Sayas. Sleeves are made of pinya cloth.

The Filipinos impress one most of all, however, for their patriotism. Their history shows that they not only love liberty but will fight heroically to achieve it. Mr. B. L. Amor, on the staff of the Manila YMCA, told us of a recent experience. He had served with the underground during the days of the Japanese occupation. Recently he went to a class reunion. Out of a class of 60 boys only 16 are still alive. Hospitals are full of war casualties. The boy in the picture, Anemecio, of high school age, is only one of a number whom the YMCA has helped.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith entertained us in their own home while we were in Manila. Roy is the associate

Anemencio, who had lost his leg in the war. The YMCA in the distance.

director of the YMCA of the Philippines. Mrs. Smith serves on various boards in the community. One of her tasks is with the *American-Filipino Guardian Association,* the purpose of which is to help the mothers of the 8,000 illegitimate children left by the war. The children vary in age from two and one-half to three and one-half years. The mothers do not want to give the children for adoption. Through Church World Service the Board obtains milk for the babies and helps train the mothers for an occupation. The latest project is to arrange for nursing schools. The Board has just reared one crop of babies, the aftermath of the first world war, and now has to start all over again.

Nominally the Filipino is Catholic. 95% of the people, according to statistics, adhere to Roman Catholicism. We were at the Quiapo Roman Catholic Church on Friday and saw the worshippers working their way forward on their knees down the aisles and kissing the feet of the Black Christ. However, countless numbers of intelligent Filipinos are only nominal Catholics. We met some of these gentlemen at the YMCA round-table staff meeting. What a wonderful opportunity for the Protestant church in Manila to present the Christ who saves and yet can be accepted without having to crucify the intellect.

LEARNER'S QUIZ — EGYPT AND THE NORTH SUDAN

1. What does Martha Roy say about the far-reaching influence of music and song?
2. Egypt and North Sudan have a "procession" in which women do not participate. What is it?
3. What musical instruments are used in Egypt?
4. How many persons can you name who had any part in inaugurating the Literacy Campaign in Egypt and the North Sudan?
5. "Each One Teach One"—whose slogan?
6. If we had "fellaheen" in America where would they likely live?
7. An illiterate taught to read needs "follow-up ....."
8. Christian women in America, Egypt and the North Sudan are engaged in what similar activities?
9. Identify these persons: Halana Mikhail, Miss Rose, Sitt Esther, "Skinnie Pinnies," Suad Ahmed, Sim Kara, Odette Salama, Nurses Effa and Rena Hanna, Katy Jaradini, Wahby Boulus, Mrs. Wesley Stasy, Madame Esther Daoud, Nagalli.
10. Who was the first missionary to the Sudan?
11. Why is each of two churches pictured in this issue of the *Magazine* important to us now? Who is pastor of each?
12. Are new regular and short-term missionaries happy in their work? Cite instances. Where does each serve? (Pages 600-602, 639)

American College For Girls, Cairo, Egypt

By DR. HELEN J. MARTIN, President of the American College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt

"Life Begins at Forty"

Life first began for the American College for Girls in December, 1909, more than thirty-nine years ago, when Miss Ella O. Kyle, its founder, ably seconded by Miss Emelia Badr, (still a valued member of the Faculty and its Administrative Committee) moved some two hundred girls into a still uncompleted building,—stair rails dangerously missing, workmen everywhere, clattering and shouting. But they were highly gratified that so many had responded! They had hoped,—but hadn't really expected so many!

NEWS OF THE PAST YEAR

The enrollment of the College, in its wide spread of classes from Kindergarten through Junior College, has climbed to a new high of approximately 900—in spite of the resolution of the Administration, renewed annually, that numbers *must* be reduced.

The death of Mrs. Mary Robertson in October, took from the College household one greatly beloved, who has been intimately associated with its life for more than thirty years. Her influence on the lives of students and alumnae, in earlier years through teaching of Sunday School and Bible classes, and to the end of her life through her warm Christian personality and never-faltering witness, is beyond estimate.

Alumnae News: Mary Basili and Isis Istaphan, graduates of our Junior College, with B.A.'s from the American University at Cairo, have been secretaries of the Y.W.C.A. in Cairo for several years. Mary was a delegate to Oslo in the summer of 1947. On the strength of the splendid impression that she made there, she was invited to be one of six representatives of the World's Y.W.C.A. to meet in Switzerland during the past summer, with a similar number from each of five other Christian youth organizations — among them the Y.M.C.A. and the Student Christian Federation—to study the peculiar problems of youth in relation to the organization of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam. Isis, after spending some weeks in Alexandria helping a discouraged Association there to re-organize, and assisting in the induction of a new secretary from Switzerland, was brought to the United States last summer by the Foreign Division of American Y.W.C.A. in connection with its post-war world reconstruction program, to study, attend conferences, and visit other Y.W.C.A.s. We have had very gratifying reports concerning her from Y.W.C.A. leaders in this country.

Isis Kelada, now a senior at the A.U.C., also went to Switzerland last summer as Egypt's delegate to a meeting under the World Student Christian Federation. Then, by that body, she was sent to Amsterdam. For a brief period she was the only Egyptian present at that vitally important gathering of the Christians of the world.

Sharing in such conferences as these has brought an experience of a wonderful revival of spirit and confidence to these and other young

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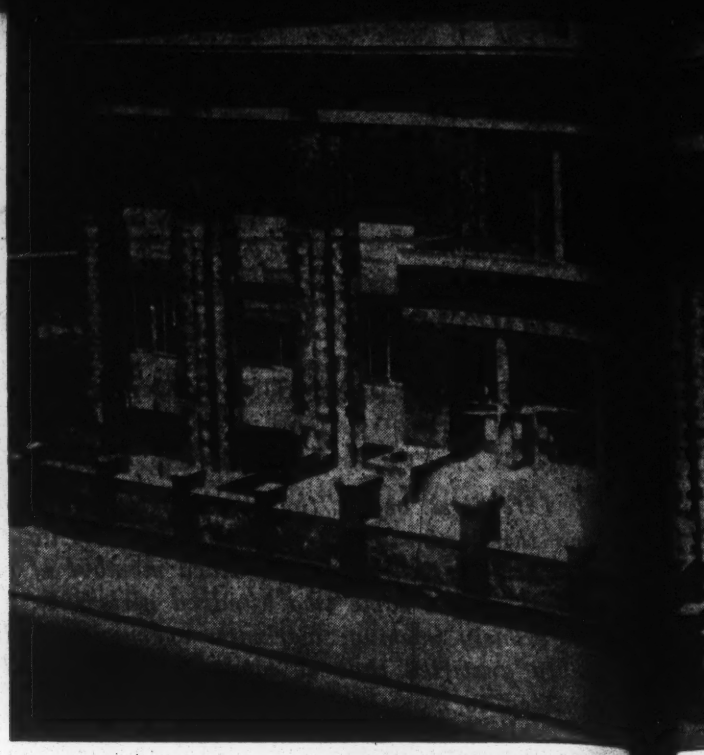
The Cairo College for Girls was built by the Board of Foreign Missions. It is directed by five missionaries supported by the Women's Board: The Misses Helen Martin, Sarah Meloy, Stella Robertson, Frances Dawson and Lois Kingan. There is no appropriation made by either board.

A small group in the U.S. termed "Home Council for the Cairo College for Girls," tries to interest individuals in giving aid for specific needs such as scholarships for worthy girls, library books and more recently helping to complete the library, the only institution of its kind in Egypt.

Aside from the salaries of the missionaries all other expenses are met from the tuitions of the more than nine hundred students.

Miss Flora Rizk, graduate student in Library Science, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Miss Rizk will return in June to take up the work of librarian in the College.



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Egyptians of the Christian community. They have had a vision of the power and influence of the Church of Christ in the world, of which they, as members of a despised and persecuted minority, had scarcely dreamed.

More and more Egyptian students are coming to this country for advanced study. Aida Gindy has returned to Egypt after three years spent at Bryn Mawr College, during which time she completed the residence requirements for a doctor's degree in the field of sociology. Among the Egyptian students now in this country, are at least four of our Junior College graduates, all of whom have B.A. degrees from the A.U.C. Three are at Bryn Mawr, two having been granted graduate school scholarships. We feel that it is gratifying in the highest degree that three of our girls, in three successive years, have held these special scholarships for foreign students, of which there are only five for the whole world. Wedad Habib's father is a full time Christian worker under the Church Missionary Society. Her mother is a graduate of our own P.M.I. in Assiut. Wedad, herself, is a superior student and a gifted musician. She is preparing for a graduate degree in philosophy. Leila Shukry is the youngest of three sisters belonging to a well known Muslim family in Cairo, all of the three our alumnae. Leila taught Arabic language and Physical Training to American youth of high school standard in the school for American children at Maadi, near Cairo for two years after her graduation from the A.U.C. Leila Shaarawi is the grand-daughter of the late Mrs. Hoda Shaarawi Pasha, the great feminist leader of Egypt. During her last year in our College, she was president of the Student Council, in which position she showed outstanding qualities of leadership and moral courage. Our fourth student in America is Flora Rizk, now enrolled in the Library School of the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, in training for a post as librarian in our own new library, in association with Miss Margaret Dawson. This has been made possible by the generous cooperation of Dr. Ralph Munn, Director of the School, who has granted her a scholarship covering full tuition, and has given his personal attention to planning her study; and, not least, by gifts of friends through the Home Council, and the self-sacrificing encouragement of her father. Her background of a devoted Christian home, in addition to her own personal characteristics, make her, we feel, a very happy choice for the position she is to occupy. Flora's mother, also, was edu-

dy in use. The major part
e Alumnae of the College.

The two holders of the Ella O. Kyle and Ruth White Minteer scholarships. The one to the right is the daughter of the Reverend Tewfik Saleh, well known in the United Presbyterian Church in America.

cated in an American Mission school.

Others of our former students, now studying in this country, are H.R.H. the Princess Sieman Attabai, niece of H.M. the Shah of Iran (Persia); and the Misses Judith and Ruth Imeru, daughters of H.E. Ras Imeru, Ethiopian Minister to the United States.

Leila Shenouda Stino left us during her second year of high school study, to marry an Egyptian student about to leave for an extended period of study in the United States. Unable to travel with her husband, she followed him shortly, alone. In addition to setting up housekeeping in a strange country, under totally new conditions, she lost no time in entering a high school, from which she was graduated something over a year ago. Now, with her eight-month-old baby to care for, she keeps open house for a group of five or six lonely Egyptian young men students. The mother of one of them has spoken in the highest terms to members of the College staff of the splendid influence of this fine young Christian, still in her early twenties, over this group of college boys in Corvallis, Oregon.

Alumnae in Egypt are active, too! At the call of Eva Habib, vice president of the Alumnae Association, a new Welfare Committee has been set up, particularly for the investigation of rural improvement projects not too expensive to be undertaken by the individual landowner. They feel that *now* is the time for determined women to bring about better conditions on the land; they can no longer wait for Government to act.

Christian women have become deeply concerned over the strong anti-Christian influences brought to bear on their children in government schools, and two strong committees of women in the city of Cairo are supporting and directing some scores of elementary schools for poor children of the Christian community. They are following the—for Egypt—unusual method of educating boys and girls together. This procedure was threatened by the recently issued law for the control of non-government schools, a section of which forbids co-education of girls and boys over eight years of age. However, these Christian schools are so efficiently handled that the government has given permission for them to continue as "experimental schools." The majority of the women of these two committees were educated in the College or other American Mission schools. The daughters of a considerable number of them are now pupils in the College.

Mary Iskander Girgawi and Louisa Dafashy,—whose names will be familiar to many former teachers of

the College who will read this letter,—have done notable work in establishing, supporting, *and directing* excellent elementary schools in their towns in middle Egypt, where previously no Christian schools existed. Their support has been an adventure in prayer and faith.

Do you wonder that the staff of the College feels a constantly growing joy and pride and confidence in the "girls," and a deep thankfulness to God for the way in which He has blessed the great project begun by Miss Kyle in prayer and faith more than thirty-nine years ago.

The most recent word from the College gives the exciting news of moving into the new library building! Dr. Meloy writes: "Margaret Dawson did a fine job of organizing the transfer and it was mostly done the week before Christmas. . . . We realize what a lovely place we have,—even though everything isn't in its finished state." That sounds a little like the opening paragraph of this letter, doesn't it? It is certainly far from finished, and cannot make further progress until additional funds are secured, but the one usable floor already makes an enormous difference in making more available the 13,000 books for use to a much wider circle of women.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE

We believe—in the Future. We confidently believe that, having now completed thirty-nine years of service to the women of Egypt and the Kingdom of our Lord, a great *new* era of service and opportunity lies before us, and life can "begin (anew) at forty" for the American College for Girls, if we have the vision, and daring, and faith, and devotion to the cause and Kingdom of our Lord that new times and difficult conditions demand of us. Conditions and methods change, but God's program for the evangelization of His world has not changed nor been withdrawn, and we are still under His command to share in it.

Why do we believe in the future of the College? Here is one of the reasons: A group of Christian girls now in the College, gather frequently in a quiet room to pray—for the deepening of their own spiritual lives; for the extraordinary courage required of the very young who love the Lord and want to serve Him and witness for Him *now*, while they are still in school, but who are keenly aware of the hardness of the way; for the projects that are dearest to them, some big things and some small, but just now, possibly, most of all for the completion of the new library building.

WE ASK—FOR THE FUTURE

Of you, our friends—three very practical services:

1. That you tell your best qualified young women friends of the opportunities offered for Christian service as teachers in the College for a three-year term. Requirements for the school year 1949-50, according to a letter from Dr. Meloy, are five, as follows:

Two for English, Psychology, History, and Bible, of upper high school and junior college standard.

One for the teaching of English and the supervision of teaching in the first four grades.

One for Art.

One for Physical Education.

All should be active Christians, able to share in the Christian activities of the College — leading prayers and chapel services, Christian Endeavor, Jr. Y.W.C.A. (Blue Triangle Groups), teaching Bible and Sunday School classes, personal work.

2. Your continued financial support.

3. Your prayers for the staff and students of the College in its great missionary task.

For correspondence concerning teaching positions, address—

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President's Message

The time of the coming together of Christians is indeed a mountain-top experience. To hear the stories of the work done in the home land and in our mission fields afar stirs our hearts within us in a new and special way. Why? Because we have had a share, small though it may be, in sending the Word of Life to those who have never heard the message of salvation.

Under these mountain-top experiences we resolve in our hearts that we shall be more faithful in our service, in our giving and in our praying. We are ready and willing to do the will of our blessed Lord.

Then the time of being together ends and we go back to our various ways of life, too often forgetting the resolutions we had made under the stirring messages and the call of the Holy Spirit.

Friends of our W. G. M. S. convention, it is our daily prayer that because we have met together, have listened together, have prayed together that as we go to our various homes we will be of one mind and that is to give of ourselves, our time, our talents, our gifts, into the service of our King to use as He will and when and where.

Help me, dear Lord, to do Thy will,
To give myself and all I have to Thee,
Time, talents, wealth, oh use them Lord,
Where'er thy greatest need may be.
When at last life's sun doth set
And I shall stand upon the eternal shore,
May I hear Thy blessed words—Well done,
For Thou art mine forevermore.

(Mrs. John W.) *Margaret L. Steel,*
Convention President

The sympathy of the women of all the missionary societies goes out to Mrs. Steele in her bereavement in the recent death of her mother.

THE WAY OF CHRIST

O Christ, the way, the truth, the life
Show me the living way
That in the tumult and the strife
I may not go astray.
Teach me thy truth, O Christ, my light
The truth that makes me free
That in the darkness and the night
My trust shall be in Thee
The life that thou alone canst give
Impart in love to me
That I may in thy presence live
And ever be like Thee.

—*G. L. Squier*

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, JUNE 2-7, 1949

STERLING, KANSAS

Convention Theme—Abiding in Chirst

THURSDAY, 8:00 O'CLOCK

Processional
Invocation ..... Dr. Howard D. McCalmont
Worship Service ..... Mrs. William McCreery
Greetings and Responses
Presentation of Processional Groups
President's Message ..... Mrs. John W. Steele
Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. James K. Stewart

FRIDAY MORNING

Morning Worship ..... Mrs. J. D. Almes
Business
Fruit Bearers in Service
The Recording Secretary ..... Miss Edith L. McBane
The Treasurer ..... Mrs. Samuel E. Baird
The Parsonage Secretary ..... Mrs. William L. Neal
The Financial Secretary ..... Mrs. William L. Neal
The Temperance and Reform Secretary ..... Mrs. W. J. Harper McKnight
The Testamentary and Annuity Secretary ..... Mrs. Samuel E. Baird
Fruit Bearing in Far Countries ..... Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
Quiet Hour ..... Mrs. J. J. MacRitchie

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Worship Servicé ..... Mrs. James K. Stewart
The Young Women's Work ..... Miss Ida B. Little
The Women's Work ..... Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison
Abiding in Christ through the Printed Page
Editor's Report ..... Mrs. E. D. McKune
Treasurer's Report ..... Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold
The Junior Missionary Magazine ..... Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen
The Junior Secretary ..... Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton
1949-1950 Missionary Book Shelf ... Mrs. Walter H. Holt, Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton
Prayer

FRIDAY EVENING—HOME MISSIONS

Worship Service ..... Mr. Charles Sanders
Your Investment in Negro Missions ..... Mrs. William T. Bates
A New Frontier ..... Rev. Fred C. Patterson
Place of the Christian School ..... Rev. Arthur Gathman
Prayer and Benediction ..... Dr. H. A. Kelsey

SATURDAY MORNING

Worship Service ..... Mrs. E. Joe Vandervort
To the Mountain, Presbyterial and City People ..... Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch
To the Negro ..... Mrs. H. Ray Shear
To the Indian ..... Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery
Abiding in Christ through Literature ..... Mrs. Walter H. Holt
Abiding in Christ with the Thank Offering ..... Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb
Stop, Look and Listen ..... Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton
Quiet Hour ..... Mrs. E. R. Jamieson

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Reception in College Garden

SATURDAY EVENING

Thank Offering Service ..... Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, presiding
Arch of Gratitude (Sixty years of Thank Offering)
Missions through the Eye and Ear ..... Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton

SABBATH MORNING

Worship in Local Churches

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Informal Story Hour 3:30—5:00 O'clock

SABBATH EVENING—FOREIGN MISSIONS

Evening Worship ..... Miss M. Stella Robertson
Our Opportunities in Omdurman ..... Miss E. Verna Pillow
What Next in Ethiopia? ..... Miss Isabel Blair
We Are Not Dismayed ..... Dr. Helen J. Martin
Nursing in Pakistan ..... Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N.
Prayer ..... Mr. Fred C. MacMillan

MONDAY MORNING

Morning Worship ..... Mrs. J. E. Stephens
Business
Report of the Women's Association of North America
Report of the Women's Association of the West ..... Dr. Grace Finney
Memorial Service ..... Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery
Sowing and Reaping ..... Mrs. Arthur B. McBride

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Worship Service ..... Mrs. Fred Black
Fruit Bearers at Work ..... Executive Committee, Women's Board
Address "For Such a Time as This" ..... Mrs. John P. White
Business and Committee Reports
Introduction of New Officers
Quiet Hour ..... Mrs. J. J. MacRitchie

MONDAY EVENING

Responsive Reading ..... Mrs. E. Joe Vandervort
Prayer ..... Mrs. William M. McCreery
Address ..... Dr. William Nicholl
Consecration Service ..... Miss Anna A. Milligan
Benediction ..... Dr. Howard D. McCalmont

TUESDAY MORNING

Morning Worship ..... Mrs. Robert W. Mulholland
Business
Report of Prayer Secretary ..... Mrs. John C. Spielman
Prayer Around the World
Benediction and Closing Prayer ..... Dr. William M. McCreery

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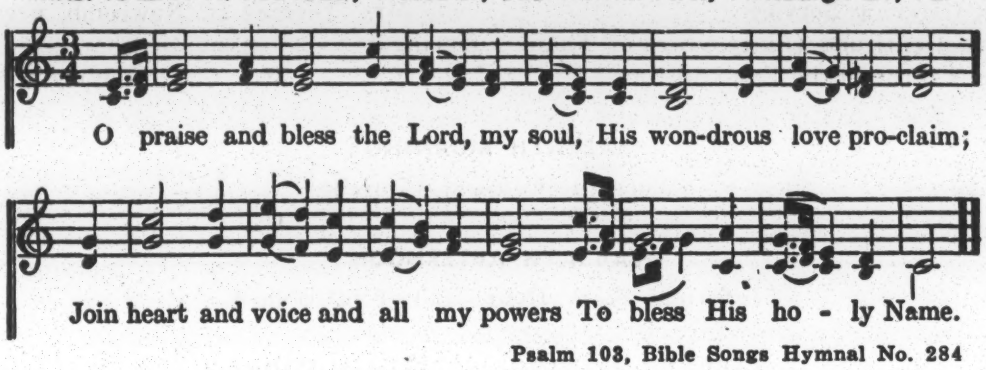
O praise and bless the Lord, my soul, His won-drous love pro-claim;
Join heart and voice and all my powers To bless His ho - ly Name.

Psalm 103, Bible Songs Hymnal No. 284

The complete stewardship for all of life is concisely summarized in the words of this Psalm, suggested for the July program-theme emphasis.

A consistent, balanced Christian life is contingent upon the united efforts of heart and voice and all other powers to bless His Holy Name and to proclaim His wondrous love. In calling the soul to "praise and bless the Lord" the Psalmist expected neither the heart motive, nor the voice expression of that motive nor any human talents and capabilities to function independently, one of the other. They must join in functioning together.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has said, "The Music of Life is the infinite expression of the underlying and all-encompassing order in the midst of which we live. . . The greatest instrument for expressing the universal and underlying music and order and beauty is man. There is no instrument so perfect as man, constructed in order to catch, appreciate, express the underlying and all enveloping beauty and order of the universe. . . If it be granted that human life is the most perfect expression of the ideal, the ultimate interpretation is to be found in the Man of Nazareth."

Does it not follow that learners in the School of Christ ought never attempt to train independently the hand, the heart, the mind or the soul? Secular and religious educators are increasingly recognizing the need to train simultaneously the various parts that make up the whole personality.

Principles that are true for the correct training of an individual may usually be applied to a group made up of individuals. Is not our W.G.M.S. Convention composed of several hundred individuals representing and reflecting the hearts, voices and powers of the womanhood of the United Presbyterian Church? Possibilities await us for great spiritual blessings, the influence of which will continue to abide as a benediction upon the activities of the months ahead. These possibilities are conditioned by the extent to which the call of Jesus, "Learn of Me" is practiced in every convention plan and program detail. It may be that the measure of our stewardship during 1949-1950 will depend largely upon the attitudes fostered and engendered by this Sterling Convention.

Delegates and visitors will surely receive a blessing if they take with them to the convention teachable hearts, voices and powers, whether giving forth, or listening, to the messages that have been prepared at the feet of Jesus. Those who remain at home have the equally-binding challenge to join heart and voice and all their powers in prayerful intercession.

Thank Offering

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The following short playlet may be used in connection with a devotional service for a Thank Offering program. We appreciate this contribution to the Thank Offering Department by Mrs. Gerber and want to pass it on for the use of other societies.

WHAT FIT RETURN

By

Mrs. Martha Vincent Gerber

Characters—Thank Offering Secretary (*street clothes*)
Careless Indifference (*seated to left, Black robe*)
Pessimistic Ingratitude (*seated to left. Black robe*)
Spirit of Thanksgiving (*off stage. Purple or gold robe. Carries sheaf of wheat, red leaves or anything suggestive of the season*)

THANK OFFERING SECRETARY — We have chosen to direct our thoughts today toward the Thank Offering season which is now near at hand. As we think over the year we remember many blessings showered upon us through God's mercy for which we should express our gratitude—blessings to us as a nation, as a community, as a church and as individuals. Truly God is good and we look forward to the opportunity afforded us at the annual Thank Offering to show our love and devotion to Him who is the giver of all good gifts.

As Thank Offering Secretaries we have three obligations—to distribute Thank Offering boxes and literature, to keep the Thank Offering before the minds of the members throughout the year, and to arrange for the annual ingathering. All these things have been done, and we anticipate a fine service and a large offering when the boxes are opened.

CARELESS INDIFFERENCE — Just a moment! Haven't you forgotten about me? I am Careless Indifference. I work as hard at my job as you do. You give out the boxes and many of the members take them with good intentions of using them, but after a few coins have gone into the box, I see to it that they are careless about using it for day by day gratitude, so the box stands by idly and almost empty. Then indifference creeps in and they say, "Oh, what's the use? I'll just put something in the envelope when the time comes." Then I know I have done my job well, for I know that careless, indifferent giving does not bring in the large returns that systematic use of the boxes would do. No, Thank Offering Secretary, do not be too hopeful. I am usually quite successful.

THANK OFFERING SECRETARY—Oh, Careless Indifference, this is very discouraging. I had high hopes that all our members would use their boxes and bring a large gift into the Lord's treasury. But surely all have such great reason for gratitude that when the day comes we shall feel we must give all we can to show that we are truly thankful.

PESSIMISTIC INGRATITUDE—Now you have overlooked me. I am Pessimistic Ingratitude. I am especially interested in those who do not use their boxes, and are not interested in making a large contribution

anyway. What have they to be thankful for? The world is in a terrible condition. Everyone lives in constant fear of another war. The atom bomb shadows all hope for the future. There is much sickness and sorrow in the world. The struggle to make incomes meet the constant rise in prices has become increasingly difficult—so what is there left for a Thank Offering? You can readily see these disinterested ones are easy prey for me. In the church their fellow members seem critical and fault-finding, and in the home their families seem inconsiderate and demanding. So I go on sowing seeds of discontent and those who listen easily find reasons why they are not thankful.

SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING — (*enters quickly from right*)—Pray, let me speak! I am the Spirit of Thanksgiving—a Christian grace dwelling in the hearts of all who love and serve the Lord. All through the year I quicken them to thoughts and expressions of gratitude for God's mercies. But particularly at this season I bring to their minds unnumbered blessings which are sometimes overlooked, and for which they should be truly grateful.

THANK OFFERING SECRETARY — Let me remind the members of your group here today of some of these blessings. (*Turns to audience*)

First of all, you are Americans—free Americans.

Free to speak—without fear.

Free to worship God in your own way.

Free to stand for what you think is right.

Free to oppose what you believe wrong.

Free to choose those who govern your country."

Is not this a glorious heritage?

(*Turns to Pessimistic Ingratitude*)

It is true, Pessimistic Ingratitude, that even in America people live in fear of war, and that there is sickness and sorrow, but surely there are no hardships to be compared with those the founders of this great country endured—sickness, hunger, death, fear of war, fear of attacks by Indians or by wild beasts—and yet they were so moved to express gratitude to God for His many blessings, that they set aside a *day* for special thanksgiving and praise to Him. (*Turns to audience*)

Are you less fortunate than they? Thank God for a land untouched by the ravages of war, for sunshine and rain, for a bountiful harvest, for a land of plenty, when people in many other countries are hungry and cold. Thank God for the beauties of nature which surround you, and make your land a lovely place in which to live.

Is there sickness and sorrow? Thank God for doctors, and nurses and hospitals to care for those who need it; those of you who are well, thank God for health and strength for daily tasks.

Thank God for unbroken family ties and for the love and devotion found in every Christian home.

Thank God for this church where you may fellowship with other Christians and of which you may be proud because of its testimony for God in this community.

Is meeting the high cost of living a difficult problem? Thank God for a job, and the capacity for managing the money each of you has so that you may stay free from the burden of debt.

Besides all these and many others I lack time to enumerate, each of you has many personal blessings which have come to you through God's goodness. If you have listened to Careless Indifference and Pessimistic Ingratitude, will you not search your hearts

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Young Women And Girls' Circles

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AIMS: A—A Circle or a Y.W. Society, or both in every congregation.
B—Societies to support the WGMS materially and spiritually.
C—Y.W. Special Fund fully supported.

One dollar per member for those 20 years and over.
Fifty cents per member for those under 20 years.
Special Objects—(Amount Asked, $9,000).
Permanent—Support of G.B.S., Pasrur, India.
Annual—Salaries of Missionaries.

Mrs. A. C. Peoples, Member of Faculty, Camden School, Camden, Ala.
Miss Ruth Findley, Special Worker in California Synod.
Miss Mary E. Cole, Bible Women's Worker, Khartoum, North, The Sudan.
Mrs. Anna Howard, Matron Frenchburg Dormitory.

NEWS FROM TWO SPECIAL WORKERS

Mrs. Anna Howard

Mrs. Howard, the matron of Frenchburg Dormitory, tells of an evening task, (study hour) which she held in the school library where the light is exceptionally fine. One of the boys was to write an essay of 500 words. He chose "Fear" as his topic. When the words had reached about 250, his *experiences* were apparently covered except "his fear of a whipping" which Mrs. Howard said for him to put in!

"This year our dormitory students are a younger group than last year. This has both advantages and disadvantages. Taking them in seventh and eighth grades gives us a longer time with them, but we need enough older students to give a certain support."

Mrs. Howard said, "My work includes teaching the classes in cooking and taking care of the dormitory. I have three classes of freshmen each day. A basement room has been transformed into a really attractive food laboratory. The R. E. A. and also the Hotpoint company are trying to develop interest in electrical equipment through this region. One method of advertising is to place stoves and refrigerators in schools. We have three beautiful ranges of the most modern type. It is fun to be able to say, 'Start your sauce pan on red and change to violet when the water boils!' Of course the girls will have to use other types of stoves at home, but I am concerned to teach them principles of nutrition, what they should eat and why. We hope that from our school there may be not merely higher social and living standards, but that our boys and girls may come to know and love the Lord, and that new homes established may be Christian homes. When the girls are sincere Christians, they do not marry so young and are more careful whom they marry.

"We've had two new things this year, the new building for the elementary school, and a lunch room started in the temporary building used until the new building was completed. More than 200 students are being given balanced hot meals with pasteurized milk every noon. Mrs. Gathman is managing it most efficiently.

I should like to say to all who are interested in Frenchburg School, 'Come and see us for yourselves.' "

Miss Ruth Findley

Miss Ruth Findley, our worker in southern California, speaks of her field as a "garden," and of her sowing the seed of God's love and truth

and light in the hearts of those for whom He died.

"Many of the people in this new housing area of South Alhambra have a new address. They buy from a new butcher and grocer; send their children to a *new* school, *but their church membership, if they have any,* is *back in the old church!* What a loss in fruitbearing among those who bear His name, because of delay and lack of care in transplanting their membership!"

Still in the figure of seed and planting, "My greatest encouragement is caring for the young saplings. They rarely fail to bloom or bring forth fruit characteristic of Springtime in the Garden of God. It is the homes offering no spiritual instruction to children that have caused America's number one enemy, juvenile delinquency. Because of this serious neglect, Bible clubs have been established through old and new communities. They are elective and have to be made attractive, for few parents assume responsibility for sending their children. Contact is made each week reminding them of the day and hour. It requires much prayer that the Lord Jesus Christ may be so planted in their hearts that they may be able to live a righteous life in the midst of a wicked generation.

"We have known of cases where the seed has fully ripened and carried over into the hardened soil of the hearts of parents. One dear little Christian girl, who has made rapid progress in the faith, rebuked her mother for many of her worldly practices, saying, 'Mother, you know that that is not right and I want you to go to heaven with me.'

"We have 175 children enrolled in clubs which convene in homes after school. One five-year old has learned the books of the old Testament in proper division without any assistance from her mother who has no time for religious instruction. These are learned in the use of a game and a song.

"A *Mothers' and Others' Club has* been established upon request from a mother who said that her children were asking her questions which she could not answer. We have 14 enrolled and many visitors. A pot-luck lunch is held each month, and one meeting a month is devoted to missionary study. A Thank Offering box is present at every meeting and quietly receives contributions with little attention called to it. The mothers have requested me to teach them the books of the Bible in their proper divisions as I have taught their children."

"Think of us in the hour of leisure,
Think of us in the hour of care,
Think of us in the hour of pleasure,
Spare us one thought in the hour of prayer."

Note: If our members read the *Magazine every month,* they may find interesting items, sometimes from one of our Special workers. As you discover this month some of the work of Mrs. Howard and Miss Findley, pick out these items and build up your knowledge, not only of the workers but of the work.

NEW CIRCLES AND SOCIETIES

Idaho Presbyterial—King Hill Teen Age Circle — 10 members — Betty Standefer, president.

New York Presbyterial — Graham's Vida Graham Circle — 8 members — Eveline Jelinetti, president.

Colorado Presbyterial — (1) — Canon City Pioneer (T)—10 members—Elaine Lawrence, president.

Colorado Presbyterial — (2) — Canon City Builders—13 members—Elaine Lawrence, president.

Butler Presbyterial — Eau Claire Dorothy Cummings C.—10 members—Bonnie Purcelle, president.

Monmouth Presbyterial — 1st Monmouth Evening M.S.—16 members—Mrs. Harold Hubbard, president.

Southern Illinois Presbyterial—Coulterville M.S.—10 members — Mrs. Laurence Bowes, president.

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Girls' Circle Program

By MRS. WALTER G. COMIN, JR., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Before taking to the air again let us come down to earth a bit. If these or any other suggestions seem too brief (our space is limited, you know, write to us for additional information. However, do give your own imagination some encouragement . It is amazing what it will "cook-up" for you.

Now we fly from Lahore to Karachi, over the sea again to Bahrein, Basra and Cairo.

Ten miles north of Cairo, on the desert, is the former American air base, now Farouk Field. Skimming the tops of Quonsets around the edge of the field the plane will land on the airstrip before a modern port office.

Just within the city limits is the American College for girls. In downtown Cairo are the missionary centers, Ezbekia School, Fowler Children's Home, etc.

Going north to Alexandria you find Benha, Tanta and Mansoura. Then south to Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, and Luxor.

From Luxor fly to Khartoum. Visit Khartoum North across the river. Meet friends from El Obeid, Omdurman, Wad Medani, and Gedaref, who possibly have come to Khartoum for a conference.

At the American College for Girls you will meet well-mannered girls from kindergarten through college age. The little girls in blue pinafores, the high schoolers in brown jumpers, and the college girls dressed-well, like college girls. None of them would dream of smoking or drinking coffee before they were married. Then not before their parents.

In the classrooms you will see modern education at its finest and most progressive. And note the need for additional teachers. Have you been wondering what to do when you are through school?

Should you plan to visit the colorful native bazaars in Cairo, you might experience some difficulty getting permission. Our consulate finds it expedient to caution against such touring at the present time.

At Minya and outlying districts note the importance of the date palm to the economy of the country. It provides fruit for food, leaves and fibers for shelter, furniture, carriers and crates.

Fayoum boasts of rich farm lands where corn, kaffir corn, wheat and other grains, figs, dates and other fruits grow in great abundance.

Alexandria and Luxor are rich in historical landmarks. Khartoum is the busy capital city of the North Sudan.

Everywhere the printed Word is opening new vistas of greater glory. Women are coming into a new realization of their responsibilities. Young Christians who have travelled to other countries and met other Christians, are bringing to this minority group in Egypt, renewed faith in the power and influence of the Christian Church in the World.

For other items of note, look in your Prayer Cycles, back issues of the Magazine, Encyclopedia, Geographics and whatever your library may offer in addition.

Plan your worship service as a chapel program at one of the schools. Invite everyone to sing our theme song, using the verse beginning, "Take my feet" to introduce the Scripture texts, Isa. 52:7: Romans 10:15. End with Prayer Cycle days 5, 6, 26, and 27.

We are indebted to Miss Helen Martin for much of the information contained in this program.

The Juniors

MRS. CHARLES WRIGHT FULTON, Secretary
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Aims—

a. A Junior Missionary Society in every congregation.
b. A Junior Missionary Magazine in the home of each Junior.
c. Contributions from every society to each of the Seven Departments of Work, and to the Thank Offering, and to the Junior Special Work.

Junior Rallies

March 26. Steubenville Presbyterial Juniors met at the First East Liverpool, Ohio, Church on Saturday afternoon. There were 105 Juniors present, in spite of a very wet day. Mrs. G. C. McBane, sponsor of the host society, led the devotions around the theme, "Jesus Needs Us."

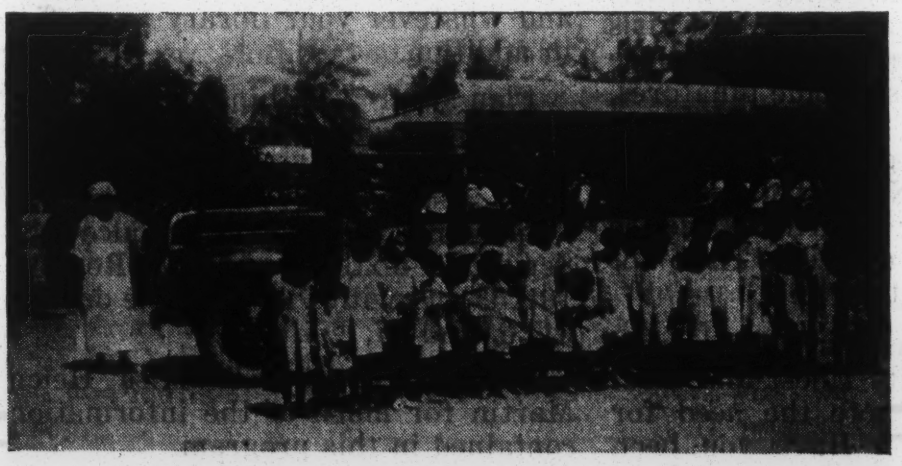
Each society responded to roll call with a demonstration of the work accomplished during the year. Calcutta Juniors told a flannelgraph story demonstrating the theme. First East Liverpool gave a Temperance playlet, in which the various subjects in school life—history, geography, arithmetic, art, spelling, music, and dramatics—were all pertaining to Temperance. Glenmoor gave a wonderful demonstration of their Bible memory work for the year.

Second Steubenville Juniors had compiled a new song book this year called, "Songs About Jesus for Juniors." They brought their books along and sang five of the songs.

Because the study book for the year had been about China, the Reverend Charles Smith showed slide pictures about "China's Children."

April 30. New York Presbyterial Juniors met at two o'clock Saturday, April 30, at the Mariner's Temple, Henry Street, New York, for their rally. Because the foreign study book was on China, a group of Chinese children met with them. After devotions and songs a recreational leader directed the Juniors in games. A trip through Chinatown followed and also a dinner in a Chinese restaurant. The program for the day included interesting stories, songs, and plays by the Juniors.

"The Family that prays together, stays together."



The School Bus at Atbara, North Sudan, ready to deliver one of the three loads of pupils.

Home Missions

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SOUTH EAST ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

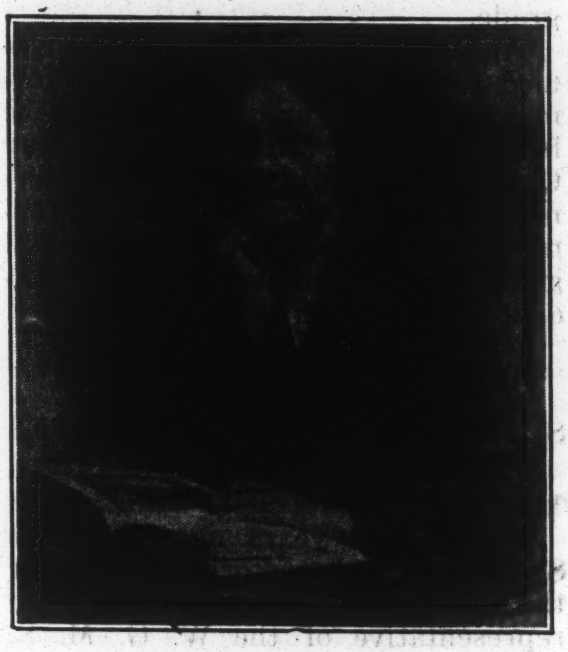
EZEL, KENTUCKY

Religious Emphasis Week

April 20 through April 22 was a time of special religious emphasis in Ezel School. Rev. Donald Irwin, pastor of our Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., ministered to us as the Lord's messenger. This three-day period of spiritual revival and heart searching has had a profound influence upon the lives of our young people.

Mr. Irwin arrived in time to be introduced to the students at an all-school party in the gymnasium on Tuesday night. Thus many met him in an informal manner and enjoyed an evening of fun and good fellowship together. The following three mornings Mr. Irwin led the school chapel services in the sanctuary of the church. During these morning devotional periods the Word was presented in an understandable manner and the Spirit brought conviction of sin and led to definite decisions by boys and girls to "follow Jesus." The evangelist also spoke to the children of the lower four grades in their own devotional service each morning. The little folk are still talking about his object lessons and the truths illustrated. We are confident that seed has been planted there that will bring forth a real harvest. Each evening in the church we had an evangelistic service for the people of the church and neighbors in the community.

During the winter and continuing through these spring months the young Christians of the school and their leaders have been much in prayer for the salvation of the souls of class-mates and friends in the school and others in the community. This week of meetings has been an answer to prayer and evidently the working of the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for the intercessory prayers of friends throughout the United Presbyterian Church and other groups.



Mrs. Jeannette C. Alter

Commencement Centers Around Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Since this year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Ezel School our commencement program will center around a celebration of that event. Our commencement speaker will be the Rev. W. J. Harper McKnight, D.D., until recently college pastor of Westminster College and now pastor of our Brookline Boulevard U. P. Church in Pittsburgh. We think it will be a double pleasure to have Dr. McKnight as our speaker

and to have his wife with us as our newest member of the Women's Board.

The annual Jeannette C. Alter Bible Contest will be held Sabbath morning, May 22, and the Baccalaureate service that evening. There will be thirteen graduates from the Senior High and twenty-eight from the eighth grade.

An Alumni Day Banquet is scheduled for May 20. Many of our former graduates are planning to be here for that occasion. The May Queen will be crowned in the afternoon in the presence of several former queens. There will be a baseball game and that night the alumni banquet in the school lunch room.

William A. Heagen, Supt.

EZEL'S SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT COMPLETES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Twenty-five years ago, the Ezel Sabbath School was organized under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Alter, the representative of the W. G. M. S. Mr. Ward was elected superintendent of the Sabbath school, a position in which he has been serving faithfully for twenty-five years. Mr. Ward has missed very few Sabbaths in attending and leading the Bible School, even though he walked or rode horse-back over a mud road.

Mr. Ward was elected a ruling elder when the church was organized in 1924, and is still the clerk of session. For several years he helped in the afternoon Bible School at Tom's Branch, and also led a Bible School at Goad Ridge. A veteran teacher in our rural schools, Mr. Ward served a term as County School Superintendent in Morgan County. He has been secretary and president of the Morgan County Sunday School Association.

JANE COOK HOSPITAL
FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY

Much has happened since the hospital opened up again the latter part of August after having been closed for three months when no doctor was here. Joy and sadness have been brought here as there were 52 births and only five deaths during the last year. In nine months there were 369 patients with hospital days amounting to 1697. There has been a gradual increase each month. During March we had an average of 11 patients a day. At present we have two young girls who have been here for some time. The one is in a cast as a result of the automobile accident in which Mr. Moore and son from Ezel were killed. The other has rheumatic fever but we think she will be going home soon.

People come here from quite a distance, since it is the only hospital in the whole country. We hope that in time the ones who live back in the "hollers" will feel that they too can come here even though their finances are limited. We would like to have them feel that we are here to serve them.

We have received many generous gifts during the year from the friends in churches over the country. The gas machine which was donated saved many lives. The equipping of an emergency room, almost completed, will enable us to keep much infection out of the operating room. Many small gifts for babies, blankets, quilts and money for equipment have been received and greatly appreciated.

The hospital is well equipped with many modern things, x-ray, an iceless oxygen tent, the gas machine and operating room. We could use a nurses' home as it is rather hard to sleep in the same building as we do now when our sleeping rooms are down on the first floor.

We have had a number of small children this spring. It is surprising that they come in so very sick, then with some medicine and care they are up again waiting to go back home. When thy are feeling better they often entertain other patients with their chatter. I gave a small boy a

toy automobile made from a piece of soap. He called, "Bring me something to eat, I can't eat this soap." Many people have been relieved of their pains and misery. Usually they have gone away singing the praises of the small hospital here in the mountains that has been standing here for many years as a tribute to Esther Mitchell, M.D., a pioneer in hospital work at Frenchburg. It has been built and kept up by sincere Christian women with a single purpose in mind, that of serving the community and helping the mountain people to a better and healthier living.

Margaret Buren
Manager

JANE COOK HOSPITAL

(From *Frenchburg Reporter*)

A Word From The Doctor

Jane Cook Hospital is a remarkable example of what can be accomplished when individuals in harmony dedicate themselves to the work to be done. Highest praise is due the United Presbyterian constituency which as a body of Christian believers with Christian motives has built and equipped this modern hospital.

Medical care cannot reach its highest degree of efficiency without modern hospital facilities. A large number of diseases particularly those requiring surgical intervention would be fatal if these hospital facilities were lacking. Jane Cook Hospital has brought to this rural section of the State medical facilities comparable to those in cities. Several individuals whose illnesses were of an emergency nature have been saved because of this fact.

Each individual who has had a part in the establishing of Jane Cook Hospital should know that his or her effort is deeply appreciated by the hospital staff and the patients who receive their medical care here. We are thankful for the large church groups, the smaller missionary groups, and the individuals who pray and who extend their gifts, many of which are no doubt sacrificial, to this institution.

John W. Walker, M.D.

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

Easter has come and gone. My heart yearns with that of Paul that those whom I teach, children and mothers, might know Him and the power of His resurrection.

It is easy to perceive "the blade" in the lives of the children. Two little girls have been attending my class faithfully. Their mother had been reared a Catholic but she and her husband, seeing the joy and loyalty the children have been expressing toward their Bible Club, have opened their newly furnished home for the class meetings. Their older daughter refused to sign up for a Girl Scout program because it conflicted with her Bible Club. The mother said to me, "My husband is not much for these things but it thrills him to have his girls so much interested."

There are mothers attending my adult Bible class who apparently are coming to know Christ through learning obedience in the things which they are suffering. "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword" and is performing some painful operations.

Ruth Elta Findley

SLOVAN MISSION

Five young people united with our church during Easter week representing 4 nationalities: 2 Russian; 1 Serbian; 1 Irish; 1 Spanish.

I want to tell you about the little boy whose father came from Spain. This man is rearing this family of five in a motherless home. He cooks the meals, does the washing and then leaves the other children in the care of Robert, who is 13, and goes to work. The oldest boy is 15, has infantile paralysis and is in the hospital most of the time; Robert is next; Rose, a lovable little girl of 11; Carl 8, recovering from St. Vitus dance and Jimmy 6, has only one eye.

This father was sick this winter and off work for over two months.

In spite of affliction they are always smiling and we love them.

The evening Robert was to unite with the church he was late coming to the mission. Jimmy said Robert could come if he could bring Carl and "Vincie." I gave my permission and he rushed home to tell the others. Soon Robert came, leading the other boys. He gave them chairs in the back while he went forward to take his vows and first communion.

Robert has a good voice. He plans to sing a solo on Sabbath morning. He has chosen the hymn "Cleanse Me." The first stanza is as follows:

"Search me O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin, and set me free."

Mrs. R. G. Russell

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

It is interesting in going from door to door to learn that people think because you are from the church you want money. A number of people have said, "How much money do you want?" They look surprised when I tell them that we are not asking for money, we are inviting them to worship with us in God's House.

Recently a young woman, quite hard of hearing, asked how much money we wanted, and I told her we did not ask for a cent. She is a Catholic. Her husband is a Protestant yet has not been inside the church for years. They have a girl about seven who has never has been to Sabbath School.

I was in that home the first of the week, and that Saturday both the parents and the girl came to see Rev. Hendricks to tell him that they wished to come to our church to worship. They have been coming to our services since then. Please pray for them that they may know Christ as their Saviour. *Jean Dickey*

NEW CIRCLES AND SOCIETIES

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Los Angeles Presbyterial—(1)—Riverside high school (T)—18 members. Audrey Vanderstoup, president.

Los Angeles Presbyterial—(2)—Westminster Y.W.—11 members—Marylin Grace, president.

Chartiers Presbyterial—(1)—Houston Nelle Speakman M.S.—21 members—Mrs. Harry L. Jones, president.

Chartiers Presbyterial—(2)—Cross Roads Blanche Fee—13 members—Mrs. Ruth Brower, president.

Chartiers Presbyterial—(3)—3rd Washington Ruth Roode—12 members—Shirley White, president.

Cleveland Presbyterial—(1)—Akron Goodyear Heights Laura Jenkins—15 members Lenore Jenkins, president.

Cleveland Presbyterial—(2)—Akron Monroe Y.W.—Mrs. Robert Young, president.

Cleveland Presbyterial—(3)—Barberton Dora Mason—9 members—Janet Grubb, president.

New York Presbyterial—Kingslawn Girls' Circle—5 members.

Tennessee Presbyterial—Norfolk YWMS—9 members—Jane Howell, president.

Boston Presbyterial—Providence YWMS—9 members—Mrs. Robert Eichenfeldt, president.

Kansas City Presbyterial—Amoret YWMS Mrs. John R. Schab, president.

Westmoreland Presbyterial—(1)—Pitcairn Marion Kenyon—10 members.

Westmoreland Presbyterial—(2)—Unity Young Women—13 members—Evelyn Richey, president.

Delaware Presbyterial—De Lancey YWMS—11 members—Margaret Ruff, president.

Detroit Presbyterial—Pontiac Oakland Ave. Adair—12 members—Ann Adair, president.

Negro Missions

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JUBILEE HOSPITAL

A visit to Jubilee Hospital was long overdue, since my one and only trip to that scene of W. G. M. S. activity was made with Mrs. O. H. Milligan in the fall of 1942. In the latter part of March, before we had too much evidence of approaching springtime, Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch and I set forth. She had visited our Negro work in Alabama three years before, and was anxious to see also the work at Henderson, N. C. and Chase City, Virginia. Sixteen hours of travel brought us to Henderson. To our great delight the daffodils and pansies and many kinds of flowering shrubs were in bloom everywhere.

We found a busy group of people at the hospital, although there were not as many patients as the average for the year. Patients were being cared for quietly and efficiently. Each person seemed to know his or her task and went about it. Seldom was the voice of Mrs. Adams, the superintendent, audible enough to be heard three feet away.

We noted one patient, a quiet old lady, about ninety-five years of age. We could not help contrasting the lot of this aged person, with all the care and consideration she was receiving, with the lot of many old people for whom no one seems to care. The young, too, are glad for Jubilee Hospital. We were in the office one morning when we noticed an eager couple and a teen-age girl going through the hall. Later the three returned to the office and had with them a baby about eighteen months old. Such joy shone on their faces that we could not refrain from making enquiry. The child had been badly burned, and judging from the par-

Part of a Ward in Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C. Mrs. Eva J. Adams by the window. Mrs. R. E. Bonett by the door.

ents' remarks, had hardly been expected to live. Such expressions of gratitude to Mrs. Adams as they gave! It was a delight to stand by and hear. The teen-age girl, too, showed such love and concern that we asked if this were the only little one in the family. "Oh, no, this is the youngest of ten," was the reply. Yes, ten in all, but they could not spare one. Then the thought of Jesus' love for little children, our Heavenly Father's deep concern over sinning humanity and his desire that not one should perish, filled our minds, and we rejoiced that United Presbyterian women have such a share in a glorious, God-given task.

BIBLE CLASSES IN HENDERSON

We visited Mary Conley's Bible classes and had fresh evidence of the power of the gospel unto salvation. To see earnest young men and women electing a course in Bible and studying with a purpose is an inspiration anywhere, any time. Practical Christian living, based upon the teaching found in Scripture, was the high point in class that day. It would be difficult to estimate the value of such training to young people as they go forth into this confused and confusing world.

BIBLE CLASSES IN CHASE CITY

One day we drove up to Chase City to meet Miss Grayce Salley and visit our new Bible Department there. We had not known Miss Salley before she was employed. Five minutes in her classroom convinced us that we had made no mistake. With vigor and keen perception, she presented the Old Testament times from Abraham to Moses, with one supreme motive—that these elementary children might see the plan and purpose of God for these Israelites; and she did not stop with that, but went on to point out that God has such a plan for every life. It is our prayer that all of us may discover that plan and labor faithfully to its accomplishment.

A STUDENT EVALUATION

Secretary's note: The article below was an unsolicited communication from Miss Forristene Bass, a senior in Camden Academy, Camden, Alabama. Miss Bass is the daughter of a physician in Lebanon, Tenn. She and her sister have been boarding students for several years.

I have been attending school at Camden Academy for almost five years, and in those years Camden Academy has become more significant to me than any other place I know.

Maybe there are some people who will wonder how a dormitory student could find any real meaning in an institution, especially a religious one. So many times students are reluctant about entering institutions because of the restrictions: but for the most part, as here at Camden Academy, the student finds advice, instruction, pleasure, and not half as many restrictions as was expected.

We here at Camden are offered a well-rounded program including athletics, music and opportunities to participate in religious organizations such as the Sabbath School, the Young Women's Missionary Society and the Girls' Circle. There are also various clubs of interest for the students.

In athletics there are students participating in such sports as basket ball, football and track. Track and field events were started in April 1945 at Camden by the present instructor, Miss N. F. Smith. Some of the outstanding students in athletics are: Anita Watkins, Leo Hayes and Curtee Nettles; in basket ball, Dolores Martin, Paul Washington and Lloyd Dees; in football, Herman Reid, Freddie Capell and James McCaster. These students and many others are able, with the aid of efficient instructors, to be correctly trained.

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Indian Missions

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At the twelfth annual meeting of the Home Missions Council in 1919, the Committee on Indian Missions recommended that a Joint Committee on Indian work be created to coordinate all the Christian agencies working for Indians; to conduct studies of the need of religious education in Indian Schools; to prepare courses and assignments of religious education to Indian Schools; and to call a Conference on the united Christian program for the Indian people.

Out of the Conference held at Wichita, Kansas, was stimulated the launching of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers in 1935. Through these meetings and its quarterly bulletin the Fellowship has made noteworthy contributions toward interracial good will as well as the mutual sharing of experiences, programs and methods of work. Six regional Fellowship Conferences are held annually and one national every third year.

The National Conference of the Fellowship of Indian Workers which is to be held at Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma, June 6-11, 1949 should be a very significant event. The Indian interests to be presented at the Home Missions Congress in 1950 will be carefully considered; recommendations and proposals based on the present total Indian situation will be made. This Congress will no doubt set the form of Indian Missions for the next decade. Dr. Mark A. Dawber, recently appointed by Secretary Krug as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Indian Affairs, plans to bring a statement from Washington to the Bacone Meeting covering the decision of this Advisory Committee. The question of improved missionary leadership in Indian work will receive serious consideration in order to provide adequately for the leadership of the future. These are but a few of the items to be included in the program for the National Conference of Fellowship as Indian representatives meet in June at Bacone, Oklahoma.

MISTAKEN IDEAS CONCERNING INDIANS

"There are persons who think of the Indians only as vanished Americans who once built an impressive civilization here, leaving us valuable heritages in art, in foods and in traditions. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, but the people from whom we inherited them did not vanish. There are probably 400,000 Indians in America and the population is on the increase.

"Some people have distorted, prejudiced ideas that Indians by nature are thriftless and shiftless; that if Indians were educated they would only 'return to the blanket'; or that they prefer to be let alone to live in their native manner. Indians are human beings, no different from other people. Given the same environment and opportunity, Indian youth will match our own boys and girls. Indians of the armed forces made outstanding contributions to the war.

"There is sometimes a mistaken idea that Indians are forced to stay on their reservations, but that is not the case. They may leave or return at will. However, illiteracy and lack of knowledge of white men's ways often discourage them from leaving their reservation. Some Indians who do move off return to the reservation because of discrimination, rejection and hostility of the outer world"—*Dr. Mark A. Dawber*, Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council.

NEWS NOTES

The Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Machamer of Warm Springs, Oregon, have held two Sabbath School sessions during this past winter due to the lack of teachers, the lack of class room space and due to the large number of Indian children who are regular attendants. An addition to the Warm Springs Church is being given serious consideration.

Besides the regular Sabbath School and church program, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Plank of Simnasho, Oregon, have promoted their religious teachings through the Tuesday Evening Religious Motion Picture Program, The Young Peoples' Thursday Night Meetings of Bible Study and flannelgraph stories and also the Winter Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Cherokee Mission has been wonderfully blessed by God, especially in the fact that nine have accepted Christ as their Savior. Work has already begun for the building of a new parsonage on the Cherokee Mission property.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Patterson are planning to begin their new work among the Navajo Indians the latter part of the summer. They will live at Kayenta, Arizona, working out from there to Chilchinbito, Arizona and to Oljato, Utah.

Miss Pearl Bear, our Religious Educational Director at Wheelock Academy, Millertown, Oklahoma, reports the interest, attention and enthusiasm shown by the Indian children in their Bible Study classes, carried on in the evenings during the week days.

Mr. Louis Mitchell graduates from Cook Christian Training School in May 1949. He is planning to continue his theological training at Winona Summer School of Theology at Winona Lake, Indiana, after which he will take up his new work at the Mesquakie Mission Church at Tama, Iowa.

A STUDENT EVALUATION

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In music, Camden Academy has been outstanding during the past year. The choir, consisting of twenty-four members, under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Edwards, rendered and participated in various programs. Outstanding among the musical figures here at Camden are: Tempia Bracey, Dolores Martin, Ada Marie Hurd, Leon Murphy, Billie Caldwell and many others. One main event, in which the choir gave a striking performance was a program of Christmas carols during the Yuletide season of the past year.

Students living on the campus have a chance to participate in the different religious organizations here. One of our most important organizations is the Young People's Christian Union, which consists of thirty-six members and is under the supervision of Mr. James McGadney. Another important organization is the Young Women's Missionary Society. This is composed of nine young women and their advisor, Mrs. M. L. Smith. These organizations are not for campus students only, but for all young people whether on or off the campus.

There is a warm and friendly atmosphere here on the campus. Our hall mother, or matron, Mrs. S. W. Rivers, is kind, considerate and as helpful and thoughtful as our mothers. Along with our matron and instructors, we owe much to our principal, Mr. A. C. Peoples, who has advised us and encouraged us and worked faithfully with us.

As Camden progresses, and as each class leaves, we shall remember and forever hold dear the instruction that was given here.

Forristene Bass

Foreign Missions

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DAUGHTERS OF THE MANSE

Miss Mattie Mae Klingaman

The Women's Board is happy to announce the appointment of two more young women to go to Egypt as short-term teachers.

Miss Edith M. Vorhis

Miss Edith M. Vorhis, daughter of Dr. J. T. Vorhis of our United Presbyterian Church in Coraopolis, Pa., is a graduate of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, and a member of the first graduating class of the Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary Department of Christian Education of May, 1949 with an M. R. E. degree. She is appointed to the American College for Girls in Cairo, Egypt. She will sail in time for the opening of the college in September.

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Miss Mattie Mae Klingaman of Allentown, Pa., is also a daughter of the Manse, as her father is a minister of the Evangelical Reformed Church. Miss Klingaman graduated from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and has had experience in various lines of Christian service, having served five months in Social Service work in Germany last year. Having had to give up her desire to serve as a missionary in her own Church in China, she gladly accepted the opportunity to serve in Girls' College, Cairo, Egypt, and expects to start her teaching there in September.

Let us follow these young women in interest and in prayer as they make their contribution to Christian education in the college.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Miss Marguerite M. McClellan expects to sail from Great Britain on the "SALWEEN" of the Henderson Line June 24 to Port Sudan. Transportation from the United States is being arranged for her on this boat, as she is eager to reach the North Sudan to plan for the schools.

A cable from Alexandria from Rev. K. Glen Fleming who takes over the duties of the treasurer, Rev. H. A. McGeoch, reports that Mr. McGeoch, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, and Miss E. Verna Pillow sailed on the "S.S. EXCAMBION" and expect to dock in New York, May 6.

SOUTH SUDAN

TOO MUCH FOR TOO FEW

It was with mixed emotions that our South Sudan missionaries who had an unusual vacation in British East Africa, approached Malakal on their return. Not that they were not eager to return to the work, but their assignments seem to loom up before them, so great and so important that they ponder and ask: "Who is sufficient for these things?" But realizing "our sufficiency is of God," they take up their assignments—these enthusiastic, devoted, young missionaries, each one in her first term of service and still studying the difficult tribal language while she works.

Miss Jean Maxwell, M.N., of Nasir will take over the medical work while Dr. Mary K. Smith is on furlough. Miss Marian Farquhar will have a few weeks at Nasir, then will go down the river for four months to teach at Obel, start housekeeping in a new place, after which she returns to Nasir to carry on the Boys' School while the Rev. A. M. Roys go on leave. Miss Wilma Kats (an R.C.A. appointee) will hurry off to Akobo after meeting Miss Joan E. Yilek at Malakal enroute to Akobo. Miss Kats will work at girls' education in Akobo for four months, then return to Obel to take the work being done by Miss Farquhar on the teaching staff there. The fourth one of the trio, my faithful informant, Miss Dorothy L. Rankin, will immediately get into full swing of Boys' School at Doleib Hill and also into the village school work carried on by Miss Elsie E. Grove who seems indispensable at this time in training village teachers and supervising the schools.

Won't you pray for these whose loads seem too heavy; and pray out other laborers and funds to help in buying up these opportunities for service?

DOLEIB HILL, SOUTH SUDAN

In a news letter from Miss Dorothy L. Rankin as she, Marian Farquhar, Wilma Katz and Jean Maxwell were going up south on the Nile to Kenya, she has told of many interests in her work at Doleib Hill.

"I have been 'mother' to 180 school boys from the ages of 10 to 20; some of these 'sons' were sweet little fellows about as big as a minute, others handsome six-footers, all as black as you can imagine. I was in charge of the Boys' School while Rev. W. B. Adair and his family have a year of study in London. These boys were fine even if they were always coming around to 'beg, buy or borrow' something—thread, a tin can, a pencil, soap, paper, stamp or cloth. The main joy in the closing of the school was that there were a number of boys who were ready at that time to show others their faith in Christ through baptism. It was the first time that they had seen baptism in the river by immersion, but they appreciated the signifance of it and came out with radiant faces although their clothes were dripping.

"Since school closed and the boys have scattered to their homes, the station has been quieter, but no one felt left without something to do. One Saturday in December Mary Ewing and I had the joy of seeing one of our longed-for dreams come true. We wanted to tour some of

the unreached Shilluk villages. At 5:30 that morning we started out from Doleib Hill with three Christian Shilluk teachers, drove into Malakal in the McClure station-wagon and from there went directly on north along the east bank of the Nile.

"As we went along we stopped in the villages and held services in their Shilluk language. We had time to make eight stops that day and still survey the area to the farthest possible driving point in Shilluk territory. We drove for 30 miles through large and closely built Shilluk villages; every time we drove into one of them we were warmly welcomed and a crowd collected to hear the songs and messages. None of those people has any sort of witness for Jesus and it is our special prayer that the Lord will send up some Shilluk Christians, or someone else who can even better tell them the way of life in Christ."

In answer to fellow passengers' questions on the Nile steamer: "Why not leave the happy savages alone? You'll spoil them with your education," Miss Rankin replied: "Yes and no. The Nilotic people that I know are far, far from happy in their natural condition, in their dirt and hunger, sickness and quarreling. But there *is* such a thing as education spoiling them, for to give the tools of civilization to them without giving the blood of Christ would just be giving powerful equipment to the devil. We have come to love these people in Christ; keep praying that He will use us as He likes and as much as He wants."

SIALKOT CITY, PAKISTAN

"In Sialkot and Zafarwal Districts nineteen Christian men, women and girls from the unemployed were given work teaching the adult primer, Key of Knowledge. Four women were enabled to pay their daughters' boarding school fees and buy flour for the family; three girls earned their own fees teaching. Two girls who could not go back to school are helping other girls to read. One of them said: 'It is a good thing I had to stop school for we could not have lived without my contribution, and my little friends would have remained illiterate.'" These statements from Miss Theresa I. Brownlee show something of the literacy work carried on through the use of relief money.

"Said Bibi first taught her mother, brothers and sisters without pay. Her mother said: 'Maybe the Lord kept my daughter at home so I could learn His precious Word.' Said was recommended to teach on relief funds. There were not many Christians in her village and so to find more to teach she walked ten miles daily to a village on the Jammu border while there was fighting in the Kashmir and Jammu States. Fourteen have finished the primer and are now reading the Gospel with her. Nearly all the many Bible verses and stories the women and children know, they have learned from Said Bibi.

"We have no more relief money for adult literacy. They must not quit reading now, but go on and read the Gospel. For this the Lord is sending in money. We need earnest, believing prayers that the reading of The Word may bear much fruit unto eternal life."

Theresa I. Brownlee

BADOMALI, PAKISTAN

A letter from Miss Laura R. MacLachlan gives news from this district and Pasrur. It was written after Dr. Laubach's conference

which took place in Lahore, at Forman College. "There is more work in these two districts than any other place in Pakistan. We have 34 centers in villages and over 400 current pupils. We drop the names when they are able to read and have finished reading two Gospels and have passed an examination on subject material.

"The conference was worth while, causing missionaries to feel a new zeal to do more. It was decided to write primers in the Roman character and in the Punjabi language for beginners. It has been proved that Roman characters are mastered much faster than Persian or Arabic script, which latter script has become the national script for Pakistan. The primers should be ready for September. Two of my leaders who were delegates there are so enthusiastic that they have already started teaching, making their own charts according to the letters, words, and pictures worked out at the conference.

"I think it is only a matter of time before the Women's Board will be definitely asked to set someone aside for this work. It is work for an experienced missionary, for there are many problems. Although I could have spent all my time in this work throughout this whole term, I have found great joy in the work that I have been able to accomplish with this only a side line.

"The second Badomali Convention was even a greater success than the first. The high day we reached 1,269 in classes alone; we had our class period in the afternoon which probably accounted for our large numbers, for it is easier for the villages that way. The morning program included conferences on two main subjects and classes for teachers—the leaders in the community. The subjects were related to spiritual and material needs of our church and how they may be supplied. The night evangelistic meetings, where 'The King of Kings' pictures were shown reached several thousand."

SARGODHA NOTES

"Our biggest problem is trying to get everything done we want to do." Many of us can agree with Miss Laura Reynolds in this statement. "There are so many angles to the work and so many responsibilities for helping to develop the Christian group till they become definite witnesses for Christ. There is always the unspoken cry of the hearts that are outside of Christ, and hence outside of salvation.

"Miss Alice Hill and I have started a fortnightly club for the English-speaking young men of our local congregation. This gives them a Saturday evening of games, closing with chorus singing and a short family worship.

"Yesterday was church-cleaning day. We had the announcement made from the pulpit last Sabbath, but our faith was a bit small. When we went at 8:30 A.M. we wondered if we would have even a few helpers. Often the Master has to say: 'O ye of little faith!' Before long there were 20 men at work and four women to help us. We had the benches and furniture moved into the yard, then the matting and floor covering went out there, too. The men soon took over the inside cleaning while we washed the furniture, including fan-blades, electric bulbs and shades. The church is T-shaped with all three arms sloping toward the front, so the water ran off quickly as the men swished and scrubbed. They formed themselves into the bucket brigade and floor scrubbers. I do not know which group was having the more fun. After several hours of work, we gave them some cold lemonade to encourage them to finish.

"Miss Hill has gone to Sialkot to

sit in on a conference about our boarding schools. We are trying to get the Pakistani Church to take over its own work, but oh, how much we need schools, both boarding and village! How can an uneducated group ever remain strong? We do want boys and girls, men and women, who can read the Word of God. Only then can we be confident that the work which has been begun will continue to grow."

EMMANUEL HOME, CAIRO

Having our own place, and so central, has made it possible for friends to find us here each Monday afternoon. And, of course, we welcome them morning, noon or night, mealtimes and otherwise. Many and varied have been the errands which have brought people to our doors, and interesting indeed the stories of people who have come. It would take hours to tell: fellow-workers, regular and short-termers, of our own and other Missions, various pastors and lay-workers, seekers for Laubach lessons in reading and in Scripture truth, others to find help in personal life or in Christian service. One young mother came for 26 lessons before she and her husband and baby daughter became members of one of our churches. We pray this may be more and more a Teaching Center.

This is a Rest Center for our staff. One member comes early each Thursday from her morning of calling, to rest until our weekly meeting-hour. Another has often lunched and rested with us before meeting or other consultation. A third enjoys practising her English with us and in our American Church service, and enjoys browsing in our library. A fourth loves to come especially to tell me of her family and of the special joys in her work. Her own joy in the Lord is contagious. One of those retired has died. One is now paralyzed. The third we hope is but temporarily laid aside.

Time and space fail me to tell of over-night guests, possible now that we each have a guest-bed in our room, even though not yet a guest room separate; of fellowships thus with friend Marie F. Tait back with us after these long years; and short-termers, Jean Ryburn and Beatrice McClellan; and the new missionary, Joan Yilek, enroute to South Sudan. The thrill she had speaking to the Sabbath School children in Sh.Kamil's meeting-place and teacher Miss Makeena's thrill in acting as her translator. (Miss M. is daughter of our Zagazig and Ezbekieh schools). We welcomed Nurses Effa and Rena Hanna, daughters of one of our deceased pastors, special friends of Miss Evon's meeting here from Assiut and Tanta respectively, to visit their brother ill in the hospital, and of the need which that recalls for a truly Christian hostel for just such girls, and for girls who come to this great city as students. What opportunities there would be for a true Christian Home for such girls!

A COMMAND

"Go work in my vineyard,
There's plenty to do,
The harvest is great
And the lab'rers are few.
There's weeding and fencing
And clearing of roots
And plowing and sowing
And gath'ring the fruits,
There are foxes to take,
There are wolves to destroy,
All ages and ranks
I can fully employ.
I've sheep to be tended
And lambs to be fed,
The lost must be gathered,
The weary ones led.
Go work in my vineyard,
There's plenty to do,
The harvest is great
And the lab'rers are few."

—Matt. 21:28

Literature

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TO BE ABLE TO SERVE—ONE MUST KNOW

In the April Magazine, an attempt was made to give you more detail concerning the books on the Reading Course. Let me go back over the list. and pick up some which need a little more emphasis.

I want to begin with the Teen-Age book in the Inspirational group because we are particularly proud of that choice. This is the first year we have made a conscious effort to secure Teen-Age books for each category. Whether you are young or old, you will do well to own this book, *A Faith For Youth,* for it gives in brief, concise and still adequate statements and illustrations, the basic concepts of our faith. It is particularly useful for teachers, leaders, and parents and is priceless for young people themselves. One literature secretary reports that she has sold many copies to women of her local society.

You may wonder how a book that has been recommended especially for pastors could be suitable for a reading book but let us look at a few of the Chapter titles: *The Lost Capstone; Lifting the Stone; A Stone of Stumbling; The Impregnable Rock; Curbstones and Doorsteps; The Shadow of a Rock; Hearth-Stones; Chips Off Old Blocks; Millstones; Milestones; Completing the Arch.* One wonders why the author did not give to the book a more *stony* title since he has developed the theme with that thought in mind. One can scarcely look at a page without noticing that it is broken by the inclusion of a short illustration or quotation. I believe the value of most of our inspirational books is due to the fact that these books are of lasting value to be used at any time as a source of varied devotional materials, *The Great Awakening* is most surely one of these.

Why include *The Life of John Calvin* in this year's list? Partly because this is a good biography and partly because of our consciousness of the importance of Calvinism for this year. When the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church and of The Reformed Church of America meet in joint session in May to consider union, certainly a look into Calvinism and the life of its founder will be timely. The author attempts to present the man in a sympathetic way and to explain some of the austerities of his life and works. The book is not a profound one; it is primarily a reader, but in it the tenets of Calvinism are presented ably but simply in a fair and sympathetic study.

As for the *THREE FOR ONE* choice, the *Eagle Books* need no introduction; two concern Japan; one, the American Indian. Let me recommend *The Story of Miller's Ferry Mission,* the first of a series on our own Negro missions. It begins with the background story of all of our early Freedmen's missions and ends in a practical way with the listing of the needs for our Negro work. You will want to read it, then keep for reference and study.

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Temperance and Reform

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THE FIFTH CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

Assiut, Egypt, April 6-8, 1949

Inasmuch as the W. G. M. S. contributes liberally to the temperance work in Egypt it is a joy to relay this account of the recent National W. C. T. U. convention held in Assiut. Miss Katy Jaradini, the writer, is a valuable Syrian teacher in the P. M. I.

If the saying "Towers are measured by their shadows and great men by their deeds" be true, then Assiut, (of all the districts of Egypt) has every right to boast of the marvelous program worked out by the president and the members of the W. C. T. U. of Egypt, for the benefit of the community in particular, and the good of Egypt in general.

The program, given during the morning and evening sessions of the three days of the Convention, which consisted of varied and most fitting as well as wisely planned, items, proved to the hundreds of those who were privileged to attend, the long hours spent in careful work and patient training beforehand.

The Convention began Wednesday, April 6 and ended Friday, April 8. Delegates from ten centers were comfortably accomodated through the generosity of the members of the committee.

Morning sessions, in the Second Evangelical Church, were of special interest to members and delegates. Encouraging reports were given of work done by local groups and individuals in different parts of the country; stories of their experiences were told by lantern workers; there were discussions of temperance problems in Egypt, and their solution, demonstrations of visual aids, and various items of business. Resolutions were brought in, in appreciation of the work done for our society by Madame Regina Khayatt, and Mrs. Mary Robertson, both of whom have passed to the Heavenly Home since our last convention.

The Wednesday evening meeting, April 6, held under the patronage of his Excellency the Mudir of Assiut, was attended by more than a thousand people, both Moslem and Christian. The opening speech of his Excellency the Mudir, Kamal Bey il Deeb, was most encouraging, and showed every evidence of his approval of the work carried on by the members of the society for the benefit of every Egyptian. The motto of the organization is "For God, home and country."

Mrs. Azer Bey Gubran, the wide-awake president of the society, gave a brief report on the work done by those who have pledged themselves to fight with all their powers the terrible scourge of strong drink, gambling and smoking to which many a father and not a few young people have become addicted. They have distributed, she said, thousands of pamphlets on the subject; they have visited many towns and villages up and down the Nile valley showing with their lantern slides pictures illustrating the misery, the poverty, the woe brought about by drunkards and gamblers whose victims are none other than their own loved ones.

Mohamed Eff. Abd il Munim Al-

yunsi, professor at Fuad the First University, spoke on "Gambling and its Baneful Effects," proving his sound statements now and then from portions of the Quran il Sharif. His speech was well adapted to the occasion, and his quotations most fitting and true.

Said Pasha Lufti's address Thursday, April 7, on the "Harmful Effects of Alcohol" received the same attention, and was much appreciated by all, especially by the members of the society who owe much to both Said Pasha and Mohamed Eff. Alyunsi for making both evenings successful and joyous, not only by their eloquent speeches, but also by their generosity in sparing so much of their precious time and in taking the trouble to come up to Assiut. Well had the committee chosen.

I cannot bring this to a close before making special mention here of our great appreciation of the three beautiful pageants given at the first two nights and at the School Girls' Rally Friday evening. The pageants were most attractive and elaborately prepared. To the members of the Frances Willard Club, the Young Women's branch of the organization, who took part in these pageants, and to their leaders, the Misses Aida Aboutig, and Myrtle Ghali, who had spent days of planning, writing, training and rehearsing, we give our hearty thanks.

To Mrs. Hoyman, Mrs. McFeeters and Dr. Mary L. Thompson, and others much credit is also due for making the Convention what it was, where each one felt her responsibility in sharing in this splendid piece of work for the good of the land. If "the three great working forces of life are ambition, necessity and love" we can conscientiously say that we have surely seen and felt all three put to practice by every member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Frances Willard Club.

Miss Katy Jaradini.

Hereafter all Temperance and Reform Literature should be ordered from the Literature Department.

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For full information on all 1949-50 books, consult March, April and June *Magazines.* (Notice Reading Course substitute in April issue)

LEAFLETS FOR JULY PROGRAM

EGYPT

Heal the Sick (medical work) 10¢
Is It Nothing to You? (Tanta) 10¢
Ye Shall Have a Song (how music serves) 5¢
Halima (a faithful nurse) 10¢
120 *Years' Service in Egypt* (Anna Y. Thompson and and Margaret A. Smith) 2¢
Our Sisters in Egypt 2¢
Countless Egyptian Villages 1¢
Missionary in the Harvest Field 1¢
Some Egyptian Superstitions 1¢
Bamba 1¢
Child of Sorrow 1¢
Three Parables (good for devotions)
Debt of Ali Ben Omar 1¢
The Live Charcoal 1¢
The Threshold and the Corner 1¢
(25 *free leaflets on Egypt*)

NORTH SUDAN (North & South)

Our Missions in the Sudan 2¢
Timothy—A Servant of Jesus Christ 1¢
Hugh T. McLaughlin, M.D. (pioneer physician to Sudan) 1¢

For the August program, there will be no available material in the Literature Department but the *Magazine* will develop the topic fully.

Tributes

Mrs. Bessie Eastman

With a feeling of deep personal loss the Women's Missionary Society of Hanover, Illinois, records the passing on October 31, 1948 of Mrs. Bessie Eastman and desires to express a tribute of love and appreciation of her memory.

She was a life member of the W.G.M.S., a consistent tithe-paying Christian. She sincerely loved her Lord and His Church, taking an active part in the work of the Sabbath School, W.M.S., and other church activities as long as she was able.

Her strong faith and trust in God, her cheerful disposition and friendly spirit, her unselfish character, her patience and humility are precious memories to all of us.

We miss her, but know that she is happy with her Lord whom she served and whose presence was real to her. Her influence still lives in the hearts of those who knew her.

We extend our sympathy to her loved ones and commend them to the Savior whom she loved and served.

Committee

Mrs. Katherine Pratt Supler

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Roney's Point, West Virginia, lost a faithful and loyal member in the passing of Mrs. Katherine Pratt Supler, December 29, 1948.

She will be long remembered for her interest and work in community and church activities, especially her years of service to the Home Department.

We extend to the members of her family our sincere sympathy.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Committee

Miss Margaret Jean Niven

Margaret Jean Niven was seventy-eight years "young" when she stepped from this world into her Father's Mansion. (December 21, 1948). She walked joyously in His steps and, through the years, led the very young step by step in the way of Christian living.

In June, 1939, the Missionary Society's annual Christmas Tree Shower (for Kentucky Missions) and Garden Party was initiated at her home. Miss Niven was a leader of vision in local church and presbyterial activities, and a pioneer in the work of the Council of Church Women of Rochester, N. Y. Always a most loyal United Presbyterian, yet her sympathies transcended denominationalism. We, who were associated with her, knew Margaret Niven as a member of the "Church Universal"—that larger fellowship of the followers of Christ.

Friends of Margaret Niven will always remember her beauitful prayers, her love of flowers and growing things, and the very special ways in which she befriended others in times of sickness and bereavement.

The Women's Missionary Society
First United Presbyterian Church
Rochester, N. Y.
Mrs. Roderick MacLeod
Mrs. William B. Wilson
Mrs. Thomas Lamont

Mrs. Alex Hemphill

We, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Four-Mile United Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, Kansas, wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Alex Hemphill who was called to her heavenly home, Nov. 12, 1948.

Mrs. Hemphill's life was bright with courage and humor and her trust was in the Lord.

She was first a Mother. She was a faithful member of the Four-Mile Church and of the Women's Missionary Society which conferred upon her the honor of a Life Membership. Her cheerful influence was felt by the entire community.

We, who knew and loved her, wish to extend our sincere sympathy to her family and our appreciation for having known such a friend.

Members of Four-Mile W. M. S.

Mrs. Twila Frances Peltret

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian church of San Francisco, California, wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Twila Frances Peltret, who answered the call of Her Heavenly Father on February 21, 1949.

Mrs. Peltret's life was spent in the service of her Master. She was a life member of our Women's Missionary Society. She served many years as our treasurer, serving in this capacity at the time of her passing. She was treasurer of the San Francisco Presbyterial for the past few years.

We have lost a devoted member. She was faithful in matters of trust, an earnest Christian worker and an ardent lover of the church.

To her beloved mother, Mrs. W. E. Dugan, we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy, and commend her to our Heavenly Father's care.

The Women's Missionary Society

Miss Jane Sinclair

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Fall River, Massachusetts, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Jane Sinclair. She was a faithful attendant at the church services and a loyal member of the missionary society. Her presence is greatly missed.

The Committee

Mrs. Robert Miller

The members of the Margaret I. Dugan Missionary Society of the Meridian United Presbyterian Church wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Robert Miller. She was an efficient and willing worker for the society until her illness made it impossible for her to attend the meetings.

To her husband and son we extend our sincere sympathy and commend them to God's loving care.

Committee.

Miss Margaret A. Bell

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Atlantic, Iowa, wishes to pay loving and respectful tribute to Margaret A. Bell, who recently entered her eternal home.

We had the privilege of having Miss Bell in our midst, after her retirement from active service as a missionary in Egypt. The memory of her keen interest and her fervent prayers, as she heartily participated in the activities of the church, will ever be an inspiration to us.

We extend deepest sympathy to her loved ones and commend them for comfort to our Lord and Master whom she so devotedly loved and in whose service her life was so unreservedly spent.

Committee
Mrs. John H. Stewart
Mrs. John Z. Henderson

Mrs. Sara Toal

The Women's Missionary Society of the Covington U.P. Church wishes to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Sara Toal who passed away January first, 1949.

We shall remember her for her kindly manner and her patient and uncomplaining spirit.

She was a member of the missionary society for 55 years.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and loved ones and commend them to the care of him whom she loved and served.

Committee
Mrs. William Bennett
Mrs. John Cromwell

Mrs. Clarence Fairtile

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church in Fall River, Massachusetts, pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Clarence Fairtile.

She was a true and faithful member of the church and shared the responsibilities of the missionary society. The bells which have been given to our church are a fitting memorial to her life spent in giving joy to others.

The Committee

Mrs. Amos Swarmer

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church of Lewistown, Pa., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Amos Swarmer who was called from our midst on December 4, 1948. She was a loyal Christian member of our church for many years, faithful in attendance when health permitted and willing to help in all good work of the church. We extend our deepest sympathy to her children, grandchildren and only brother.

Mrs. Vinie Hunley
Mrs. Carrie Wilson
Committee

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT

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and find these many special reasons for gratitude, and allow the Spirit of Thanksgiving to come and so fill you with love and devotion that you will say with the Psalmist, "What fit return, Lord, can I make for all Thy benefits toward me?"

(*Sing 1st stanza of No.* 125 *B.S.H.* —*previously announced*)

LIFE MEMBERS
$300.00

1. Mrs. Mattie Bennett—In Memoriam. By members of the W.M.S., Eskridge, Kansas through legacy left to the society by her.

SENIOR LIFE MEMBERS
$25.00 Each
1948 Thank Offering (Continued)

1082. Mrs. Charlotte Semple Mercer, West Middlesex, Pa. By her mother, Mrs. Willis C. Semple.

SENIOR LIFE MEMBERS
1949 Thank Offering

9. Mrs. James S. Martin, Gary, Ind. By members of the W.M.S., Gary, Ind.
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PUNJAB, PAKISTAN

Miss Margaret E. Ballantyne, 1941 — Campbellpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Pasrur
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — Rawalpindi
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927; 1937 — Sangla Hill
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss M. Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Hajipur, Sialkot City
Miss Edith M. Drake, 1947 — Gujranwala
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1912 — Sheikhupura
Miss Dorothy M. Fisher, 1947 — Rawalpindi
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913 — Sheikhupura
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N.A., 1924 — Jhelum
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Hajipur, Sialkot City
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Sargodha
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss M. Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920 — Sargodha
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Miss Elizabeth H. Turner, R.N., 1947 — Sialkot City
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1928 — Taxila

PUNJAB, INDIA

Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922 — Pathankot
Miss S. Jane Lamont, 1928 — Pathankot
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1932; 1944 — Lady Irwin Sanitarium, Jubar via Sanawar, Simla Hills, East Punjab
Miss Vivian L. Trimble, 1921 — Pathankot

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1924 — 826 S. Ogden St., Denver, Colo.
Miss M. Lois Boyd, 1919 — Sparta, Ill.
Miss Marie E. Cash, R.N., 1926 — R. D. 5, Lebanon, Ind.
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1937 — 721 Forest St., Hartford, Wisconsin
Miss Georga Wengert, 1919 — Lebo, Kansas

EGYPT

*Miss Mary T. Anderson, R.N., 1948 — Assiut
*Mrs. Don Armstrong, 1947 — Cairo
*Miss Margaret Bark, 1948 — Cairo
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N. 1931 — Assiut
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905 — Assiut
Miss Mary Frances Dawson, 1922; 1945 — Cairo
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — Assiut
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Mansura
Miss Davida M. Finney, 1915 — Cairo
*Miss Lois M. Finney, 1948 — Cairo
Miss Elsie M. French, 1909 — Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921 — Luxor
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Cairo
*Miss Faith E. Hamilton, 1948 — Cairo
Miss Nellie V. Hill, R.N., 1945 — Tanta
*Miss Marian L. Jamieson, 1948 — Assiut
Miss Millie I. Kelso, 1946 — Benha
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Cairo
*Miss Helen V. Kirkness, R.N., 1947 — Tanta
*Miss Mary Lou Lash, 1948 — Assiut
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
*Miss Mary L. Markley, 1948 — Cairo
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918 — Assiut
*Miss Beatrice McClellan, 1947 — Cairo
Miss Jeannette L. McCrory, 1916 — Minia
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923 — Cairo
*Miss Shirley A. Moss, 1948 — Tanta
Miss Lucile B. Nichols, R.N.A., 1945 — Tanta
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921 — Fayoum
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — Tanta
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Mansura
*Miss Mary E. Reed, 1948 — Assiut
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1935 — Luxor
Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver, 1925 — Benha
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922 — Cairo
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — Beni Suef
*Miss Norma Lee Squires, 1948 — Cairo
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925; 1948 — Assiut
Miss Alberta A. Tedford, R.N., 1945 — Tanta
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939 — Tanta
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917 — Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913; 1935 — Beni Suef
Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924; 1944 — Tanta
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932 — Fayoum
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919 — Luxor
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Laura B. Wright, 1921 — Tanta

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915 — 7442 Trevanion Ave., Pittsburgh 18, Pa.
Miss Stella Robertston, 1922 — 111 S. 5th St., Sterling, Kansas

THE NORTH SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919 — Wad Medani
Miss Una Coie, 1918 — Khartoum North
*Miss Rosaltha Kenagy, 1947 — Atbara
Miss Aleta J. Matthews, 1946 — Khartoum North
*Miss M. Helen McCoy, 1947 — Khartoum North
*Miss Mary L. Shields, 1947 — Khartoum North
Miss Frances Turk, R.N., 1921 — Khartoum North

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Marguerite M. McClellan, 1926 — 228 S. Water St., Olathe, Kansas
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922 — 311 East Line Ave., Ellwood City, Pa.
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — 428 N. 16th St., San Jose, California

THE SOUTH SUDAN

Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1940 — Doleib Hill
Miss Marian I. Farquhar, 1945 — Nasir
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912 — Doleib Hill
Miss Jean Maxwell, M.N., 1946 — Nasir
Miss Dorothy L. Rankin, 1946 — Doleib Hill
Miss Joan E. Yilek, 1948 — Akobo

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Kennedy School of Missions, Mackenzie Hall, Hartford, Conn.
Miss Mary K. Smith, M.D., 1944 — North Bend, Nebr.

ETHIOPIA

Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1938 — Addis Ababa
*Miss Eileen Halewood, R.N., 1947 — Gorei
Miss Hazel J. McGeary, 1946 — Sayo
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1938 — Addis Ababa
Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., 1942 — Maji
Mrs. Ruth L. Walker, 1928 — Addis Ababa
(All Maji and Sayo mail: Box 1111, Addis Ababa)

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1920 — Reedsville, Pa.
Miss Isabel Blair, 1922 — c/o A. C. Farner, 600 Church St., Huntingdon, Pa.

UNDER APPOINTMENT

Miss Carolyn E. Brewer, 1948 — 703 W. Main St., Washington, Iowa
Miss Alice Ruth Gabel, 1948 — 937 S. 76th St., Milwaukee 14, Wis.
Miss Mary Nell Harper, R.N., 1948 — 2718 Pine, Everett, Wash.
Miss Marguerite M. Lienard, 1948 — 18951—40th Pl., N. E., Seattle 55, Wash.
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919; 1949 — R. D. 3, New Castle, Pa.
Miss Phyllis A. Rogers, 1949 — 665 Dewey Rd., Bellingham, Wash.
Miss Eleanor C. Vandevort, 1948 — Wexford, Pa.

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Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881 — Penn and Trenton Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908 — 263 Park St., Socorro, N. Mexico
Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884 — Box 992, Santa Ana, Calif.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — 754—22nd St., San Diego, Calif.
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903 — Penn & Trenton Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891 — 325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Ind.
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902 — P. O. Box 178, Winona Lake, Ind.

EGYPT

Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911 — United Presbyterian Home, Washington, Iowa
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909 — Box 390, Webb City, Mo.
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1908; 1918 — 1128 State St., Emporia, Kansas
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894 — 121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kansas
Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899 — Assiut, Egypt
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906 — Aledo, Illinois
Miss Elizabeth McKibben — 1428 Liverpool St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — c/o Mrs. D. C. Wills, 12467 Cedar Rd., Cleveland, Ohio
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904 — Penn & Trenton, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — 2235 Norwalk Ave., Los Angeles 41, Calif.

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Sterling, Kansas, June 2-7, 1949

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COVER PICTURE

1949 Concert Choir, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

This Choir will sing for the Thursday evening program of the W.G.M.S. Convention. The young people pictured are:

Back Row: Bob Gordon, Canon City, Colo.; Dale Scherling, Torrington, Wyo.; Jim Copeland, Seattle, Wash.; Lee Steinmetz, Alden, Kans.; Deral Johnson, Roosevelt, Okla.; Arlen Treaster, Glen Elder, Kans.; Ray Davis, Newton, Iowa; Meredith Myers, Lebanon, Ind.; Herbert Gillen, Canon City, Colo.; Klon Matthews, Guthrie, Okla.; Jim Rasmussen, Jetmore, Kans.

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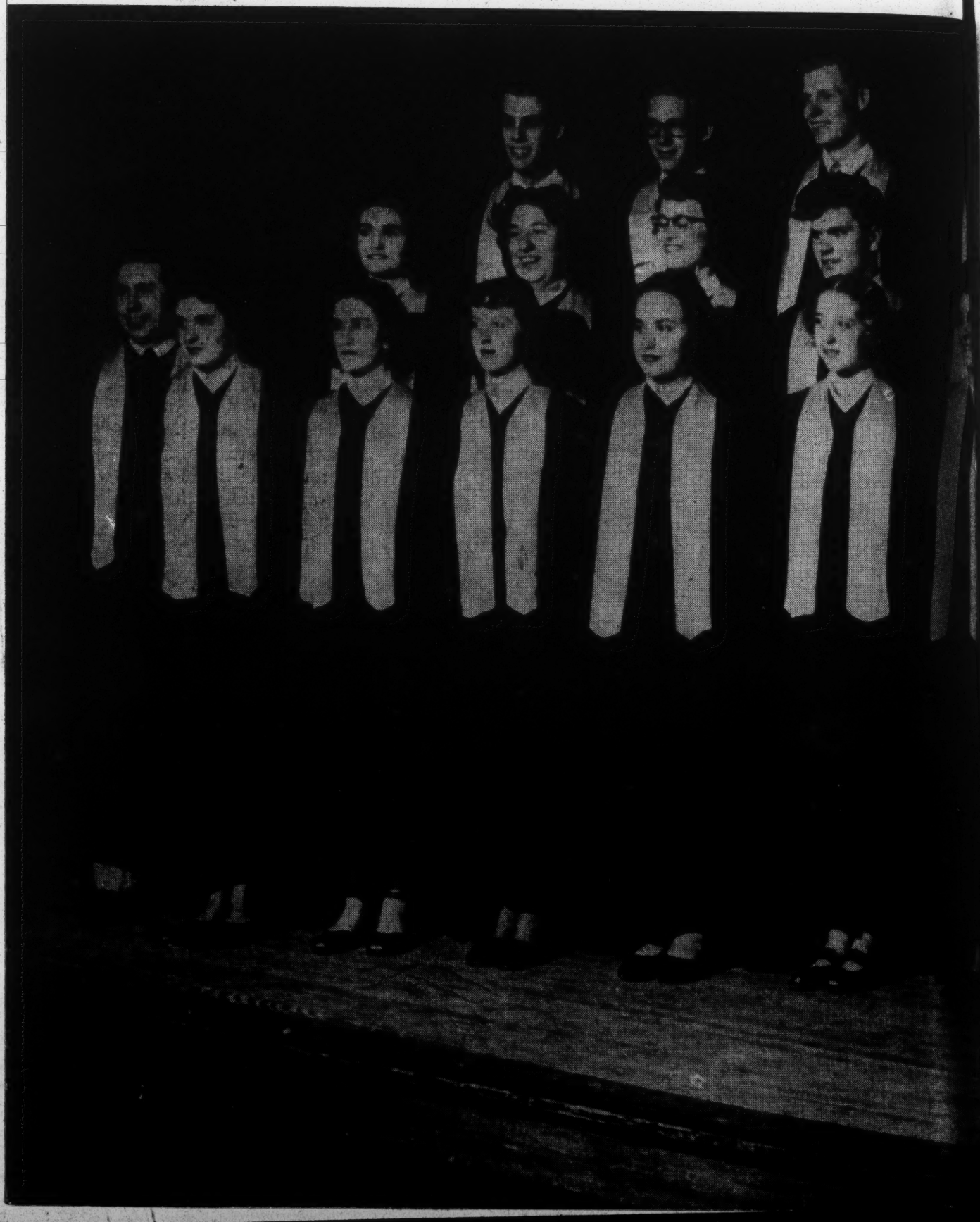
1949 CONCERT CHOIR, STERLING COLLEGE, STERLING, KANSAS
(See Personnel, Inside Back Cover)